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TOKYO INNER CABINET TO STUDY EUROPE

Tokyo, To-day.
It is reported that Japan's Inner Cabinet, consisting of the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs, War and Navy, will meet to-morrow to deliberate Japan's policy towards Europe.

The War Minister, General Itagaki, last night called an emergency meeting of executive members of the War Office to discuss the attitude of the Army at to-morrow's conference.—Reuter.

BRITAIN TO HAVE MINISTER OF FOOD?

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE APPOINTMENT OF A "MINISTER FOR FOOD DEFENCE" IS FORESHADOWED BY THE FOOD DEFENCE BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The new Ministry is destined to take over a part of the duties of the Board of Trade.

Political circles believe that the first holder of the new office will be the present Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster, Mr. W. S. Morrison, who now acts as House of Commons' spokesman for the Minister for Coordination of Defence, Lord Chatfield.—Trans-Ocean.

PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN

London, To-day.
No discussions concerning the Chinese currency have taken place during the Anglo-Japanese negotiations, it was stated in the House of Commons yesterday.

It is confirmed that the Chinese Ambassador has handed to the Foreign Secretary, a memorandum relating to the currency and other questions.

Foreign quarters point out that

Tokyo Talks On The Verge Of Breakdown

Tokyo, To-day.
Sir Robert Craigie in his interview with Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, leader of the Japanese delegation, on Tuesday evening, proposed that economic issues be dropped from the agenda and that the round table conference dispose of the peace and order issues with the basis that when agreement is reached thereon the Tientsin blockade will be suspended, says the "Asahi Shimbun."

The newspaper adds that Mr. Kato refused the proposal.

After consulting the Foreign Minister, Mr. Kato met Sir Robert at the Tokyo Club yesterday afternoon and again affirmed that the Japanese Government was unable to accept the proposal.

He indicated the Japanese viewpoint that the conference would be successfully concluded only when the British delegation accepted the Japanese demands entirely.

No meetings of the sub-committees or the round table conference have been arranged for to-day, though Sir Robert Craigie may converse with Mr. Kato.—Reuter.

IMPUDENT TACTICS

London, To-day.

Under the heading "Another warning," the "Daily Mail" in an editorial this morning says: "Britain and the United States are uniting more closely in opposition to the impudent tactics of the Japanese in China.

"They must cease if the talks in Tokyo are to be continued with any hope of success.

"Strong words may impress Japanese statesmen but more may be needed to convince their military masters in China, and it may be necessary to remind

the British Government is in close touch with Paris and has received assurances from the French Government that the latter would support any action which the British Government might deem necessary in event of the Tokyo negotiations breaking down on the currency question.—Trans-Ocean.

COMPULSORY SERVICE MEDICAL TEST

The medical examination of individuals called up under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, now proceeding, has been the subject of many rumours.

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sence of any indication of retreat by either side from the position taken up on the "economic questions." The police sub-committee, which has had a smooth passage hitherto, failed to meet yesterday, although further conversations had been arranged.

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Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare Outlines Programme

Anti-Submarine Work And Mine-Sweeping

London, To-day.

It has been decided to make a considerable addition to the 1939 programme of new naval construction, stated Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Additions included 107 trawlers for minesweeping and anti-submarine duties, of which 20 would be specially built for the purpose and the rest purchased and converted.

It was also proposed to construct 56 vessels of the whale-catcher type, some for service as patrol vessels and some for anti-submarine duties.

There would be 10 minesweepers, six boom defence vessels and one cable ship, the total number of vessels involved in the foregoing being 180.

A floating dock to accommodate small craft up to 5,000 tons had also been purchased.

Further additions were contem-

plated, but Mr. Shakespeare said he was unable to give details at the moment. — Reuter.

British Wireless adds that the ships will cost about £11,000,000, for which a supplementary estimate will be required.

AIR RAID ON KWEILIN

Wuchow, To-day.

Eight Japanese heavy bombers carried out an intensive air raid on Kweilin, provincial capital of Kwangsi, on Tuesday and caused considerable damage to dwelling houses.

About twenty persons were killed or wounded. The naval bombers flew at a high altitude owing to the heavy ground fire.

Hingning, near Swatow, was also bombed on the same day.—From Our Own Correspondent.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of the Federated Malay States against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of smallpox have been removed.

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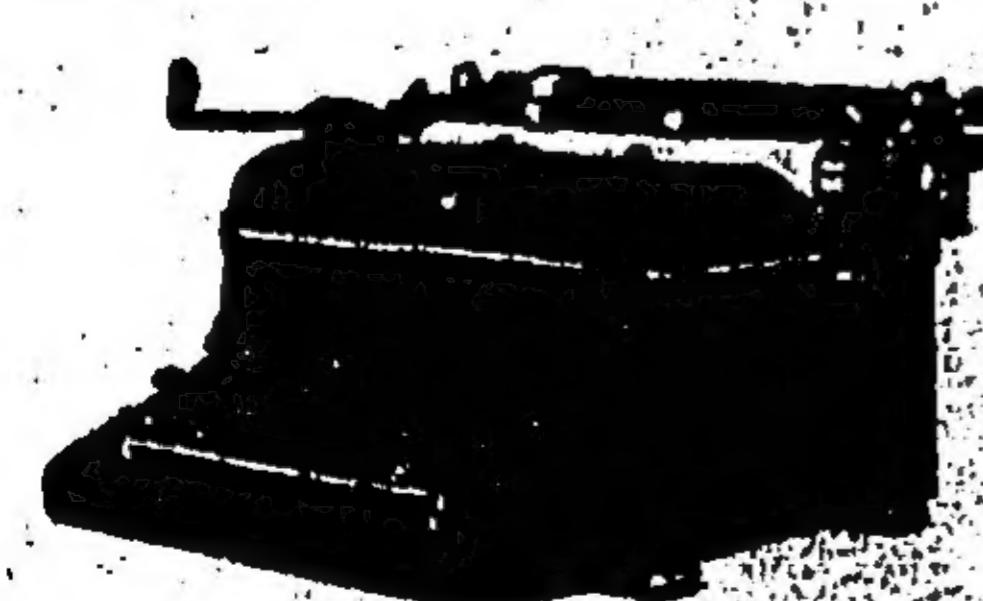
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MIXED FRONTIER COMMISSION

Budapest, To-day.

It is announced that Rumania has accepted Hungary's request for appointment of a mixed military commission to investigate the recent frontier incidents.—Reuter Bulletin.

REALISTIC R.A.F. TESTS IN BRITISH ISLES

London, To-day.

Approximately 1,300 planes will participate in R.A.F. home defence exercises which are taking place from August 8 to 11 on a larger and more comprehensive scale than ever before.

Principal objects of the exercises will be to test the air and ground defence of Great Britain against air attack, and the organisation and efficiency of the forces participating.

Area of the exercise will be a north and east line connecting Macclesfield, Droitwich, Salisbury and Bournemouth.

500 FIGHTERS

There will be approximately 800 defending planes, of which 500 will be fighters.

The ground defences will include anti-aircraft batteries and searchlight and balloon barrage units.

The attacking force, which will number 500 bombers, is presumed to come from territories east of England.

A.R.P. organisations will also be tested on the night of August 9 to 10, when there will be a black-out of London.—Reuter.

U.S. PROTEST TO JAPAN

Washington, To-day.

In order to prevent anti-British agitation in China from developing into an anti-foreign movement generally, the United States charge d'affaires in Tokyo, Mr. Eugene Dooman, has been instructed to advise the Japanese Government accordingly.

This was announced by the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, at yesterday's press conference.

Mr. Welles said that Mr. Dooman will protest once more against Japanese assaults on American citizens in China, since the Consular authorities had made up about 600 reports on such incidents to Washington.—Trans-Ocean.

REPORT DENIED

London, To-day.

It was stated in a Commons answer yesterday that no negotiations are in progress with the Government of Guatemala for the sale of any part of British Honduras.—British Wireless.

THE THETIS

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, Earl Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, said they intended to proceed with the salvage of Thetis and he saw no reason why salvage should not be successful.—British Wireless.

AN ANTI-BRITISH PICKET CORPS

Peiping, To-day.

The sending of letters to Chinese employees of Britons has been followed up in some instances by direct intimidation by the so-called "anti-British picket corps," generally believed to be Japanese-organised.

The bulk of the Chinese populace remains normally friendly or disinterested.

The trouble is caused by a small minority having the full support of Japanese publicity, while the majority of Chinese believe the agitators have the Japanese military authorities' support.

Therefore it is easily possible for the situation to develop seriously.

The British authorities are making representations to the Japanese Embassy on fresh instances of anti-British demonstrations, reminding the Japanese authorities of their responsibility in maintaining law and order in territory under their control.

TIENTSIN SITUATION

It is learned from Tientsin that the anti-British movement at Tangku is somewhat restrained, through the announcement of the Japanese officer commanding there that his forces will protect foreign lives and property, though he is unable to interfere with parades and demonstrations.—Reuter.

HONG KONG'S FOOD SUPPLIES ASSURANCE

London, To-day.

Capt. Alan Graham (Conservative) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Colonial Secretary's attention had been drawn to the action of the Japanese authorities in cutting off food supplies to Hong Kong and to small ports on the mainland.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, replied that the food situation in Hong Kong was being carefully watched by the Colonial Government.

So far it had not been necessary for any special steps to be taken to secure supplies. — Reuter.

Singapore's Garrison Increase

Singapore, To-day.
At least 8,000 troops are being sent to Malaya from India, it is understood on reliable authority.

First units are arriving next week, and the reinforcements are likely to remain for some time.

While some of the new troops will be stationed in Singapore, a considerable proportion will be sent to Penang, which is assuming the role of a new fortress guarding the western approach to Singapore. — Reuter.

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BRITISH TRADE IN YANGTSE

London, To-day.
No reply has yet been received by Sir Robert Craigie (British Ambassador in Tokyo) regarding representations made on June 6 with reference to Japanese naval and military restrictions on British trade in the Yangtse delta, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Robert Craigie, he added, had been asked to continue to press the matter in view of the great urgency of the question.—Reuter.

MISSIONS TO LEAVE ON SUNDAY

London, To-day.

It is understood that the British and French military, naval and air missions to Moscow will travel by sea, leaving England on Saturday or Sunday.—British Wireless.

NEGOTIATIONS IN BURGOS

Burgos, To-day.

The French Ambassador to Spain, Marshal Petain, was received by the Spanish Foreign Minister, Jordana yesterday for a conference which, it is declared, dealt with

PRESSURE IN TAIAN

Shanghai, To-day.

The Rev. T. O. Scott, Bishop of Shantung, and two other members of the Church of England Mission at Taian, have been warned to leave to-morrow.

The streets of Tsinanfu, capital of Shantung, have been placarded with posters denouncing General Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists, but hitherto there have been no anti-British posters.

Reports from Chiatso, Honan Province, state that the Japanese are trying to make the position of two Englishmen and an Englishwoman employed by the Fuchung Mines, untenable. — Reuter.

the fulfilment of the Berard-Jordana agreement.

The Spanish Ambassador to Lisbon, Nicolas Franco has also arrived here, as has the High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco, Colonel Beigbeder.—Trans-Ocean.

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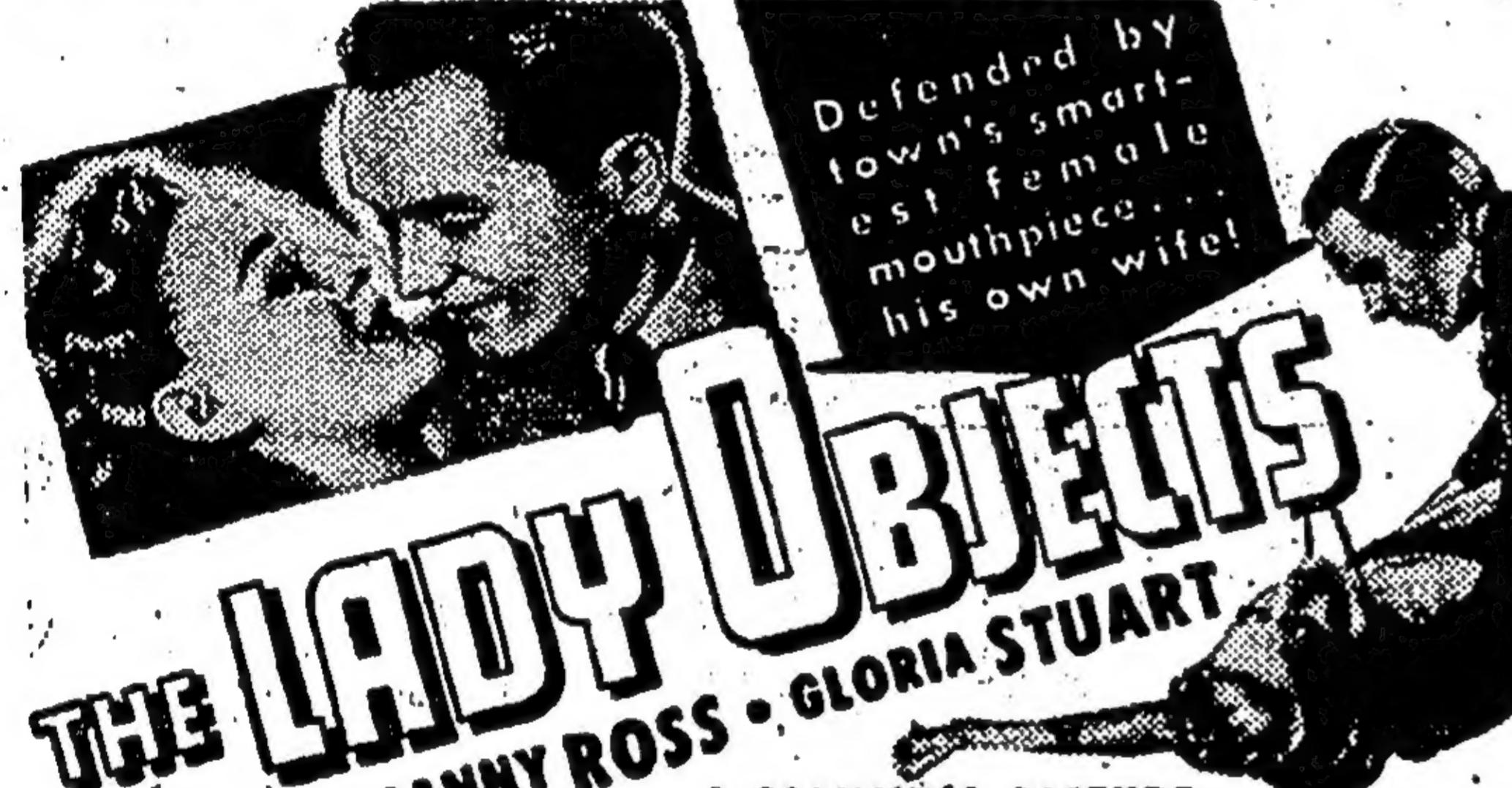
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Rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day totalled 1.78 inches, which brings the total for the year up to 64.60 inches, compared with an average of 54.55 inches.

A ridge of high pressure extends from North China to the Pacific eastward of north Japan.

The Pacific depression is situated about 250 miles to the east of Oshima, moving north-east.

Another depression is nearly stationary to the east of the Bonins.

A trough of low pressure extends from these depressions across the north part of the China Sea to Tongking.



Olivia de Havilland and Dick Powell share starring honours in "Hard To Get," at the King's Theatre.

JULY'S WEATHER

The Royal Observatory report on the weather of July states:

During the first fortnight of the month the SW monsoon prevailed, and the weather was mainly sunny and very warm; temperature reached 90 deg. F on 18 days in succession. On the 16th the weather became cloudy, and on the following day there was a heavy fall of rain accompanied by a marked decrease in temperature. The remainder of the month was comparatively cool, with little sunshine and frequent rainfall, owing to the presence of a trough of low pressure over the S. coast of China. No typhoons affected the Colony during July.

The mean temperature for the month was 82.3 deg. F, which is normal. A maximum of 94.0 deg. was recorded on the 18th and 14th; this equals the highest temperature ever recorded in July. A minimum of 18.9 deg. occurred on the 20th. The mean relative humidity was 84 per cent., which is 1 per cent. above normal.

Sunshine amounted to 198 hours, against a normal of 212 hours. The total rainfall was 12.69 inches, which is 2.44 inches below normal.

A maximum gust of wind of 33 m.p.h. was recorded at 6.30 p.m. on the 22nd.

FRIEND'S OFFER

A 36-year-old unemployed Indian, Janas Khan, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with being a vagrant in the Colony.

A friend of defendant, a private watchman, said he was willing to take care of the defendant.

Defendant was discharged.

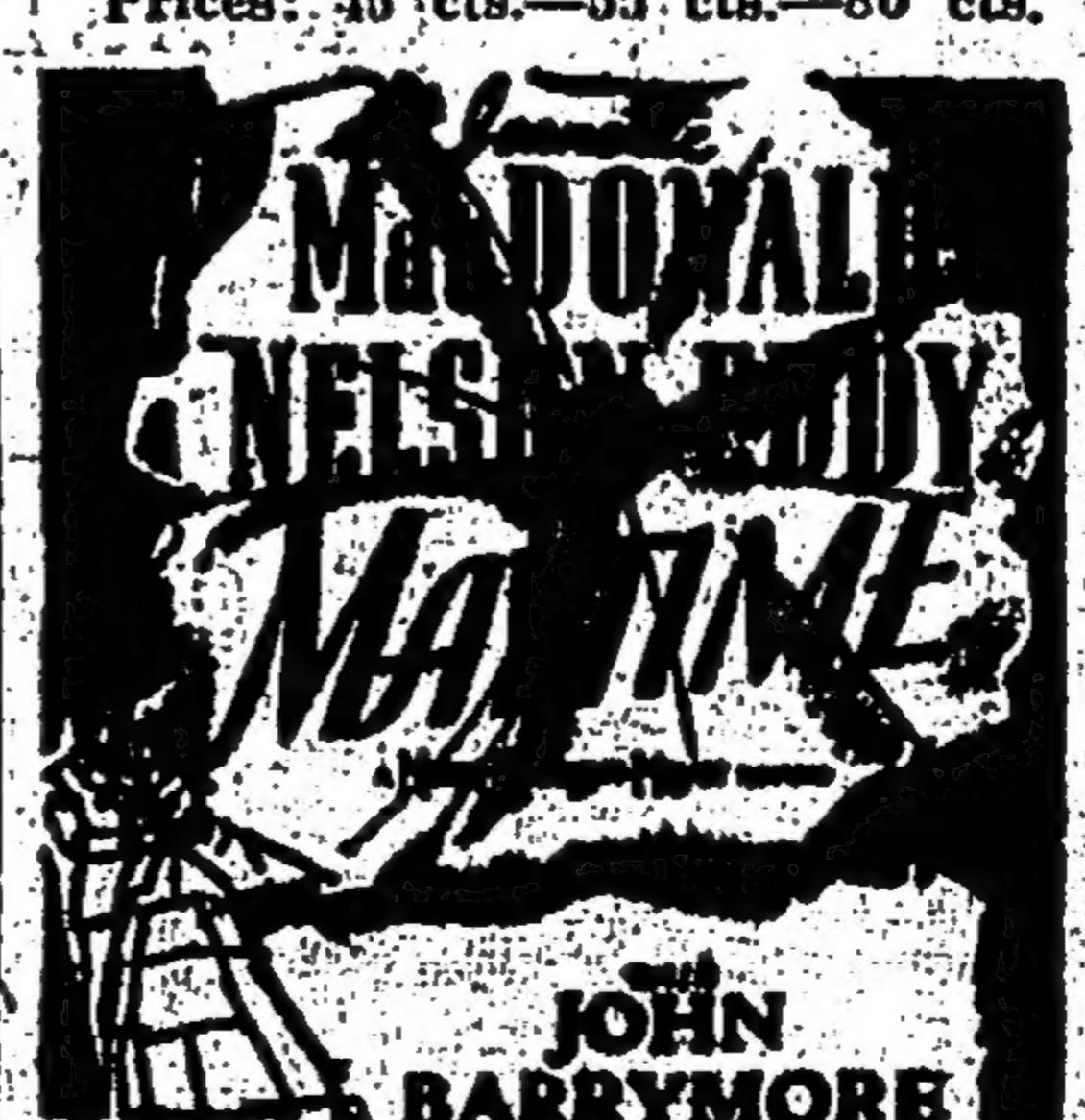
AUSTRIAN OIL PRODUCTION

Vienna, To-day, Oil production in Austria is rising.

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CLOSE POLISH WATCH ON NEW NAZI TACTICS TO GET HOLD OF DANZIG

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish authorities are closely watching what appears to be the development of a movement in Danzig to try economic methods in bringing about incorporation of the Free City in the Reich.

The clamour raised by Danzig against the Polish action in withdrawing customs inspectors from the margarine factory and restricting the importation of Danzig herrings, is regarded as significant.

Polish circles have been quick to point out that any attempt to open the Customs frontier with East Prussia, about which threats have been made in some Danzig quarters, would constitute a unilateral change in the status of the Free City, which Poland could not tolerate.

The Warsaw press declares that the reprisals were quite uncalled for, since Poland's action was taken in consequence of Danzig's treatment of Polish customs officials, and it is emphasised that repeated protests have been unavailing.—Reuter.

Twelve More Deported

London, To-day.

THE Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, yesterday signed 12 deportation orders against I.R.A. suspects.

He also signed an order prohibiting the landing in England of I.R.A. suspects.

Three I.R.A. deportees were taken on board the Dublin mail boat at Holyhead yesterday.

The men declared they would be back in Manchester next week, and said all I.R.A. funds were obtained from sympathisers in the United States. — Reuter Bulletin.

BRITISH CONSULTATION ON CURRENCY

London, To-day.

Consultations between the British, French and the United States governments on the attitude to be adopted towards Japanese attacks on Chinese currency have now been concluded, states the "Financial News" political correspondent.

No definite results from the consultations were expected in London, and none appear to have been gained, but among political observers here they are thought to have been responsible for the slightly firmer attitude shown by the British Government in the last day or two. — Reuter.

600,000 SOVIET TROOPS IN FAR EAST

Berlin, July 27.

There are approximately six hundred thousand Soviet troops actively engaged in the Far East, the "Bremer Nachrichten" stated in an article to-day.

The Soviet forces in the Far East, the paper said, are under the command of General Stern, who ousted Marshal Blücher, and he is assisted by General Rychkoff, the commander of the air force in the Far East.—Havas.

SPAIN RESTORATION HOPES REVIVED

London, July 27.

Nationalist Spanish Ambassador in London, the Duke of Alba, departed for an unknown destination to-day.

Some Spanish quarters said he was making for Switzerland to meet ex-King Alfonso XIII to discuss the question of restoring the monarchy in Spain.

They also pointed out that ex-Queen Victoria-Eugenia, Don Juan, the ex-King's only legal heir, and the Duke of Maura, monarchist leader, had arrived here in London, to discuss the restoration problem.—Havas.

SOVIET CITIZENS NOW LEAVING MANCHURIA

Shanghai, To-day.

Soviet residents in Manchukuo are preparing to leave following instructions received from Moscow, according to unconfirmed reports circulated here yesterday.

Meanwhile, heavier troop movements by the Japanese are reported along the Outer Mongolia-Manchukuo border.—Our Own Correspondent.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS HATCH BILL

Washington, To-day.

The Hatch Bill, forbidding Federal appointees to take part in political campaigns, was signed by President Roosevelt yesterday.

The Bill, which was passed by Congress some time ago, had been pronounced constitutional by the Department of Justice.—Trans-Ocean.

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FOERSTER GIVES ANOTHER HINT OF IMPENDING DANZIG DEVELOPMENTS

Danzig, To-day.

A meeting of the German Navy League was held in Danzig last night.

Vice-Admiral von Trotha, president of the League and former Chief of Staff of the German High Seas Fleet, declared: "If one speaks of German sea power, Danzig must be mentioned. Danzig is the birthplace of the Prussian and German navy."

A speech by the Nazi regional leader, Herr Foerster, contained many critical references to Poland.

He claimed that Danzigers had no more ardent desire than that the Germany Navy would soon have a permanent homestead in Danzig.

"There is no sickness here which one could describe as seasickness. To compare Danzig's maritime power with that of Gdynia is an insult to Danzig and the German Navy.

"SOMETHING DEVELOPING"

"Danzigers were seamen when Poland did not think of the sea and even English ships were not yet seen on the oceans."

Herr Foerster concluded: "You feel that something is developing here. When the event will take place is not of decisive importance. The main thing is that we Danzigers know that we will attain our object." —Trans-Ocean.

Sean Russell, Outlaw

London, To-day.

SEAN Russell, chief of general staff of the Irish Republican Army, has been outlawed under the new Prevention of Violence Bill.

Another high I.R.A. officer was also outlawed yesterday by a decree issued by the Home Secretary.

The measure enables the authorities to arrest Russell immediately he lands in England and to deport him.

The decree was signed together with deportation orders for 12 other I.R.A. sympathisers, mostly in the North of England.

Rumours of Russell's departure from the United States to Ireland or England are not confirmed. —Trans-Ocean.

KOWLOON BUS DRIVERS SUMMONED

Two drivers of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company were alleged, by two foreign ladies this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy to have started buses without a conductor's signal and before the passengers had alighted resulting in both complainants falling to the ground.

The drivers, Li Chi-tong and Pun Iu-shing, were summoned for driving without due care and caution. They pleaded not guilty and the cases were adjourned to Tuesday and Wednesday.

Complainants were Miss S. Remedios and Mrs. Madsen.

Mr. M. A. de Silva will appear on behalf of Miss Remedios.

A.S.P. BRINGS CHARGE

Mr. W. P. Thompson, A.S.P. (Kowloon), was complainant before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen this morning when an automobile dealer, Mr. E. O. Reprich, residing at Harbour View Hotel, was summoned for driving at 35 miles-per-hour through a controlled area in Nathan Road on July 5.

Mr. Thompson alleged that defendant, travelling at about 40 miles-per-hour, overtook his car about 200 yards before entering the controlled area. Complainant accelerated and attempted to overtake defendant at 35 miles-per-hour. He failed to do so because there were many pedestrians on the road.

Defendant endeavoured to catch up with defendant near Jordan Road.

Defendant was fined \$100.

Tientsin, To-day.

The Commander of the Japanese garrison station at Tangku, near Tientsin, has informed the British authorities that Japanese troops would guarantee the safety of lives and property of British residents in Tientsin, but was unable to guarantee British residents in other centres of anti-British agitation.

In the meantime, even the "Peiping Chronicle," a paper of pro-Japanese tendency, sounds a warning against the excessive anti-British attitude, demanding that the authorities should respect British treaty rights, and pointing out that complete elimination of British commercial influence in North China would result in widespread unemployment.

Recalling the economic and cultural contributions of Great Britain to China's progress, the paper suggests that legal methods be found to attain the desired reduction of British influence.

The Chinese Press shows little interest in the anti-British movement and devotes all attention to the Anglo-Japanese talks in Tokyo. —Trans-Ocean.

PRO-JAPANESE NEWSPAPER SHOWS ANXIETY

Opposition Fears Premier Might Take Wrong Turning

BLUNT SPEAKING IN DEBATE ON ADJOURNMENT

London, To-day.

Outspoken criticism of the adjournment of Parliament, during which it was suggested that Mr. Chamberlain could successfully revert to his policy of appeasement and that the Far East might prove to be another Munich, was made in the House of Commons yesterday on the debate on the motion for adjournment.

The motion that the House adjourn from Friday to October 3, with the provision that the Speaker should recall the House at an earlier date if he was satisfied that the public interest demanded it, was submitted by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Chamberlain said the period of adjournment was shorter than usual, the reason being that the normal business of the session had been interrupted by emergency legislation.

Parliament, he thought, had dealt with all the legislation necessary at the present moment, and the House could be assured that the country was now ready for an emergency.

TWO REASONS

Mr. Chamberlain said there were at least two reasons why the Government might feel it necessary to call the House together during the recess.

One would be if necessary to ask the House to pass legislation not at present contemplated, the other, if they desired to have the approval of the House for measures taken or about to be taken to meet an unexpected situation.

LABOUR MOTION

Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) moved an amendment asking that the House be recalled on August 21 because of the uncertainty in the international situation.

Apart from this feeling of apprehension, Mr. Greenwood added, there was a suspicion that once the House rose the Government might take the wrong turning.

Mr. Greenwood declared: "I am not a jittery person, nor do the people of this country suffer from jitters now, but to know that Parliament will meet in three weeks time would strengthen the spirit of the people and fortify their confidence."

BILIOUS ATTACK!

"It only needs one of the great personages in Europe suffering from bad liver to learn that German subjects had been shot in Danzig, and the world would be at war in 24 hours."

"What guarantee have we that when our backs are turned the Government will not throw its hand on the question of a triple alliance between France, Russia and ourselves?"

"I am not saying they will, but I am saying they might."

"How does the Opposition know that the Far East is not going to be another Munich?"

Mr. Greenwood emphasised that it was wiser for the House to sit until the Moscow pact was in the bag.

Suppose Hitler turned his eyes to Yugo-Slavia, Mr. Greenwood proceeded, and added that information he had went to show that the situation there might easily become another danger spot in Europe.

LIBERAL ATTITUDE

Supporting Mr. Greenwood, Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) said Mr. Chamberlain's recent assurances that there should be no important departure from the declared policy of the Government carried them nowhere.

Was Berchtesgaden a departure from this declared policy? he asked. Yet the decisions taken there had set them on the road which led Hitler to Prague.

What they wanted to know was that before grave decisions were taken, as at Berchtesgaden, the House would have a chance to discuss the issues in public.—Reuter.

50,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS

Shanghai, To-day.

Fifty thousand people belonging to a hundred and fifty villages between Peiping and Tientsin are reported to have been rendered homeless by the floods.

The incessant rain has caused the collapse of numerous dykes on the Grand Canal, the flood waters are demolishing thousands of peasant houses.

The extent of casualties is not yet known.

Owing to the widespread destruction of crops, market prices in North China are soaring and farm produce is at a premium.

Thousands of destitute peasants have assembled outside Peiping gates awaiting aid.—Trans-Ocean.

FURTHER PROGRESS IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

There are grounds for believing that some progress was made at yesterday afternoon's meeting between the British and French representatives and the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov. However, there is no indication of early signing of the tripartite pact.—Reuter.

ITALO-GERMAN COUNTER AIR DEMONSTRATION

Berlin, To-day.

A flare of headlines is given in the German press to the feats of the German and Italian air force in carrying out nonstop flights of upwards of 2,000 kilometres.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" publishes on its front page a map of the world showing the radius of action of the German air force with these new types of planes.

German machines operating from Berlin are shown as capable of making flights westwards to the American coast and eastwards to the Urals and returning to their station, while a direct flight of 10,000 kilometres would take them eastwards to Shanghai and westwards to California.—Trans-Ocean.

ABETZ SUING FOR LIBEL

Berlin, To-day.

The German, Otto Abetz, whose name was linked with the alleged bribing of French journalists, has sued M. de Kerillis for libel and insult, it is reported here.

De Kerillis wrote an article in the newspaper "Epoque," in which he made certain statements about Herr Abetz, which were then reprinted by other papers.—Trans-Ocean.

STRENGTH OF BRITISH NAVY

London, To-day.

Figures on the strength of the British Navy are revealed by the Admiralty.

On June 30, officers and men numbered 127,721 as compared with 114,893 at the same time last year.

When questioned regarding the reserves, the naval spokesman merely called attention to the fact that the number had increased by 8,628 during the last 12 months.—Trans-Ocean.

CZECH POLICE REDUCTION

Prague, To-day.

The Czech gendarmerie and police of 80,000 will be reduced by a quarter in the near future.

Supernumerary member of the two forces are being placed on retired pay or are being given other employment.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-POLISH CREDIT ACCORD SIGNED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. R. S. HUDSON, SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS TRADE, AND THE POLISH AMBASSADOR, COUNT RACZYNSKI, YESTERDAY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF GUARANTEE TO POLAND UP TO £8,160,000.

The money will be used for purchases of goods wholly or partly manufactured in the United Kingdom.

The Polish Government will issue five per cent. bonds up to that amount, and the principal and interest will be guaranteed by the Board of Trade.

Money raised from the sale of the bonds, which are repayable over a period of 16 years beginning in 1941, will be used to purchase goods.—Reuter.

FORMALLY CONFIRMED

Warsaw, To-day.

An official Polish communiqué on the conclusion of the Anglo-Polish loan negotiations says that the Polish Government has received a credit of £8,000,000 (200,000,000 zlotys) in kind of raw materials and establishments for the production of war materials and for the purchase of manufactured war material.

The treaty on commercial credits had been formally confirmed and was taking effect immediately.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER AND ELECTION

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was asked in the Commons if he was aware of the hostility of the general public to a general election while international tension persists, and whether he would consider introducing legislation to extend the duration of the present Parliament for a further two years.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "I should not be prepared to consider such a suggestion without some evidence of a general desire for postponement of the general election beyond the statutory term. At present I see no evidence of this kind."—British Wireless.

BRITISH ARMY MANOEUVRES

London, To-day.

The former Portuguese War Minister, Major-General Moraes Sarmento, has been invited by the Chief of Imperial General Staff, Viscount Gort, to attend the British autumn manoeuvres. General Sarmento will arrive in Britain on September 8.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day.

Two thousand Spanish refugees are sailing from Paullac for Vichy today.—Trans-Ocean.

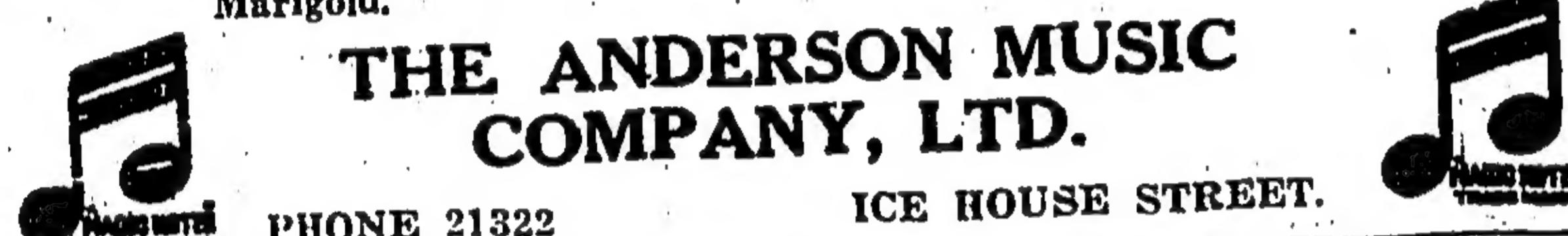
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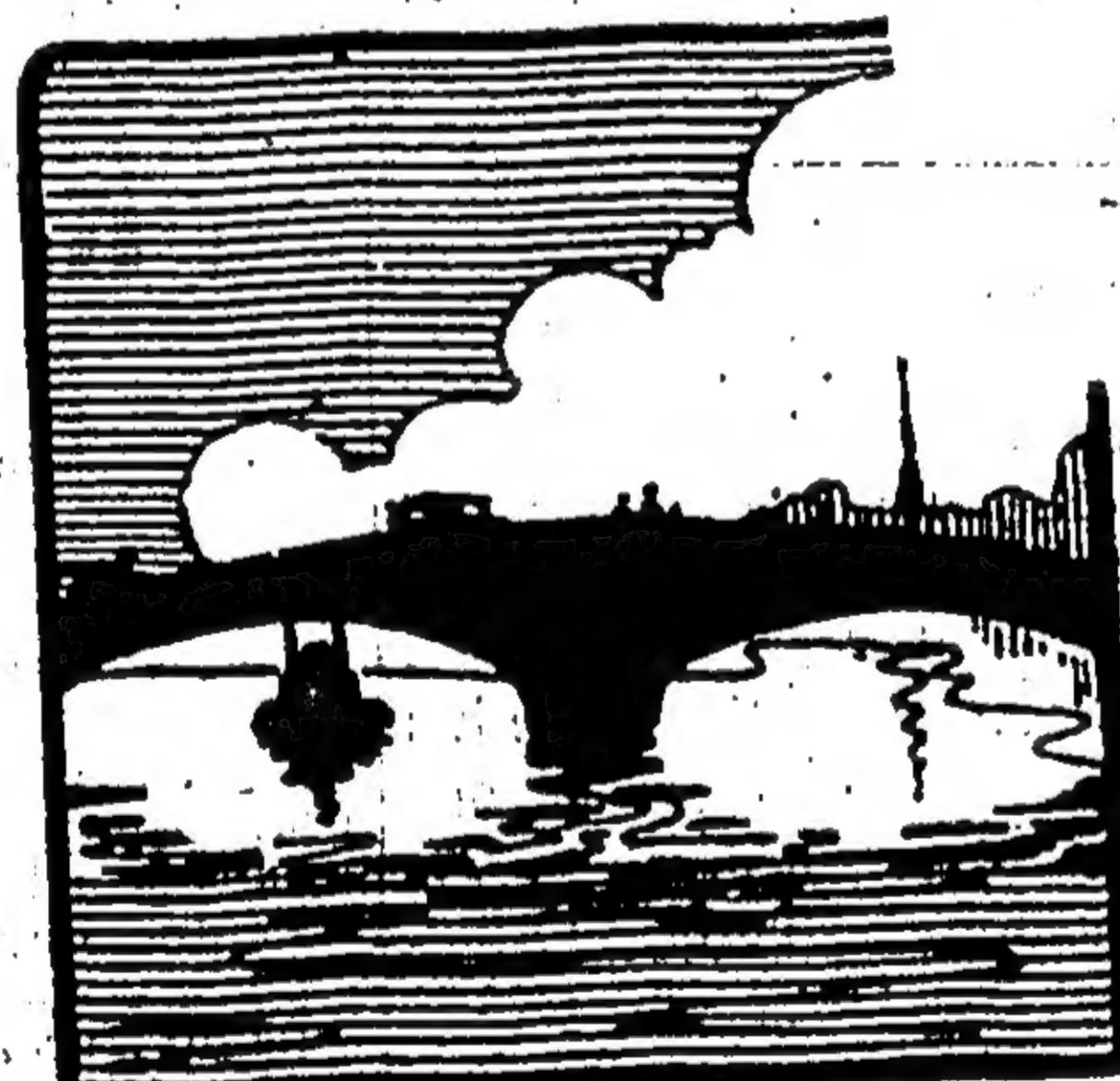
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HERO AT LAST

CYRIL JONES was small and puny months. Then he was discharged with and had watery eyes. Early in the warning to refrain from strenuous exercise. The warning was like a complex. Wherever he went or whatever death warrant he did, he was just one of the crowd. He never stood out. Casual observers would have been amazed had they known of Cyril's latent impulses. Cyril, more than anything else, wanted to be a hero. He wanted to be famous, because he couldn't climb Mount Braemore. It angered him. He decided the doctors were crazy. He tried climbing a small mountain, but the ache returned and he was forced to return to the hospital to be singled out of mob as a man of achievement.

His appearance was against it. His inferiority complex and timid manner were against it. At twenty-five he knew there was little hope of ever realising his ambition. Yet the ambition would not be suppressed. It surged and ballooned around inside of him until sometimes he considered suicide for want of an outlet.

But Cyril lacked the courage to take his own life. Therefore, he held a committee meeting with himself and decided that somehow, some way he was going to make himself a hero.

And having once decided there was nothing that could deter him. Cyril remembered the old adage that if you build a mouse trap better than your neighbour the world will beat a

hero at last.

Lying in the hospital again Cyril thought and thought of some other means of becoming a hero. He decided to go to Hollywood. But when he reached Hollywood, two months later, he discovered that he was a type. There were about 1000 other men of his type waiting for a chance ahead of him.

So Cyril decided to become a writer. He spent two years struggling with a novel, but when he submitted it was turned down by all publishers.

Ten years passed. The urge inside of Cyril burned brighter and brighter. The urge to make himself a hero became a phobia. He tried one thing and then another, but in all he failed, or at least never achieved prominence.

By Karl Grayson

path to your door. He considered the sports, but had discarded them because he knew he wasn't physically equipped to meet competition.

He considered flying. He might fly higher or farther or faster than anyone else, but that would involve an outlay of money. Cyril had no vast sum of money.

He considered mountain climbing. He lived in a country where mountains were plentiful. Climbing was a rage in the vicinity. There were still many unconquered peaks. One especially, Mount Braemore. Many had attempted it and failed. Cyril pondered. If he could conquer Mount Braemore he would become a national figure. He decided to try.

He was not fool enough to attempt climbing Mount Braemore without first conditioning himself. Secretly, he spent six months climbing lesser peaks, conquering first the smallest, then the next to the smallest and so on until, presently he had reached the summit of the greatest of them all, second to Braemore.

He felt triumphant. He felt that he was on the way to fame. He felt that within a month his picture would appear in every newspaper in the country. He would be a hero.

The week before the day he had set for climbing Mount Braemore, Cyril contracted an ache. He remained in bed an entire day, rubbing himself with ointment and salve. But the ache persisted. It was a curious sort of ache. It seemed to be way inside of him, in the very marrow of his bones.

The next day he summoned a doctor. The doctor examined him, shook his head gravely and sent for an ambulance.

At the hospital, specialists made an examination. Cyril had contracted a curious form of arthritis.

Doctors all over the country were experimenting, seeking a remedy. A certain Doctor Bertell had progressed farther than anyone else in his research.

Doctor Bertell was sent for. He examined Cyril. His face was grave. There was a hope, a bare hope.

Cyril remained in the hospital seven

Five more years passed. Then Cyril received an invitation to attend a banquet given by the hospital where he had been confined. It seemed that the hospital was celebrating an anniversary and they wanted some of its earlier patients to attend as living examples of accomplishment in medicine.

Cyril attended. He was examined by Doctor Bertell. Doctor Bertell was plainly amazed. He was incredulous. He went into consultation with some of his associates. "I can't understand it. There never has been a case in which a victim of this form of arthritis has been anything but a cripple. This man must have had some great reason for wanting to remain healthy. It is a pure case of mind over matter."

The next day Cyril's picture appeared in every newspaper in the country. Magazines published articles about him. The movies sent their newsmen to interview him. Within a month's time, Cyril Jones was the most talked-of man in the nation.

He didn't know why. When they asked him, question he only shrugged and shook his head. He didn't care. He was a hero at last.

(Released by The Associated News-papers.)

**RAYMOND MASSEY
DIVORCED**

Adrienne Allen, the British actress, was granted a divorce from Raymond Massey, the actor, on the ground of cruelty, at Carson City, Nevada, (says Reuter). The suit was uncontested.

Miss Allen, who is thirty-two, was awarded the custody of her two children, Daniel, aged four, and Anna, aged two.

She was the second wife of Mr. Massey, who is forty-two. He starred in "Idiot's Delight," the anti-war play, in London last year.

OPPOSITION ANGERS PREMIER

Attacks End Expectation Of Compromise

London, To-day.

The debate in the House of Commons yesterday on the Government motion to adjourn was planned to last two hours but continued for five and a half hours.

This was due, states Reuter's lobby correspondent, to a strong difference of opinion among back benchers of all parties regarding the best means of achieving the purpose which is the aim of all — to demonstrate the determination of the Commons that the international situation should not be exploited abroad because Parliament has adjourned for the holiday.

Then, after opposition speakers had made it clear that they were attacking the Government's good faith, Mr. Chamberlain delivered an unexpectedly strong rejection of the Opposition proposal.

For some time before the Prime Minister spoke there had been expectation of a compromise, but his speech admitted of no compromise.

Government supporters were not ordered to be present by a three-line whip, and consequently many were absent, while the Opposition forces were also below full strength.

As far as can be ascertained, Conservative malcontents abstained from voting.

WARNING WORDS

The Prime Minister, resisting the Labour amendment to the adjournment motion, referred to the Labour speakers' suggestion that Parliament should continue to sit another three weeks, by when they should have reached an agreement with Russia.

Mr. Chamberlain said there were some warning words in the official communique from Moscow, and in view of that it was clear that in their opinion it would not be wise to be too optimistic about reaching a very speedy conclusion.

All the arguments presented by Mr. Winston Churchill, said the Premier, were based upon the serious nature of the situation, and such an argument must lead inevitably to the conclusion that the House must not separate at all.

PREMIER'S RIPOSTE

Replying to the argument that when the House was sitting the danger of war was thereby minimised, Mr. Chamberlain recalled that what was called the rape of Austria occurred while the House was in session, and the House was unable to prevent it, while when German troops began to march on Prague on March 15, there was a debate in the Commons the same afternoon.

Mr. Chamberlain characterised the Labour amendment as inconsistent, with no logical foundation and as another form of a vote of no confidence, which he confidently expected the House to reject.

NATIONAL UNITY

Several members appealed to Mr. Chamberlain to make some con-

CASE FOR AID TO CHINA OVERWHELMING

London, To-day.

After referring to the British capital at stake in China, and British trade with China and Hong Kong the "Financial News," in a leading article, says the case for support of Chinese currency is overwhelming.

The task is rather to decide the most useful method by which support can be given.

The solution is not self-evident, but certain broad lines of policy stand out clearly.

The Government can minimise pressure on the Chinese exchange by granting generous export credits, and should dismiss out of hand any Japanese demands that we should hand over the silver in Tientsin or assist Japan in ousting the national dollar.

For us to aid Japan in establishing the puppet currencies would be little short of suicidal. — Reuter.

EXPLOSION IN RADIO STUDIO

Jerusalem, To-day.

Three bombs exploded in the broadcasting building here yesterday doing extensive damage and necessitating interruption of the programme for several hours. Five persons were injured. — Trans-Ocean.

cession on behalf of national unity.

In reply to a question, Mr. Chamberlain indicated that Parliament would be recalled if a radical change in the situation in Europe occurred.

The Labour amendment was defeated by 250 votes to 182, and the Government motion was carried by 245 votes against 129.

Mr. Chamberlain treated the matter as a vote of confidence. — Reuter.

MR. ATTLEE RETURNS TO COMMONS

London, To-day. Mr. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, attended a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party for the first time since his illness at the House of Commons yesterday. He was given a warm welcome by his colleagues. — British Wireless.

TURKISH AIR AMAZONS

Paris, To-day. A squadron of Turkish bombing planes each flown by a woman pilot will shortly visit Paris, according to the "Excelsior."

The squadron has been formed for the purpose of making a propaganda flight through Europe and will be commanded by the adopted daughter of Kemal Ataturk.

It will fly from Ankara to Paris by way of Budapest, Sofia and Athens and will afterwards pay a visit to London. — Trans-Ocean.

Labour Wins Tory Seat

London, To-day. A GOVERNMENT majority of 2,169 was turned into a Labour victory by 2,636 votes in a by-election in the Brecon and Radnor division of Wales yesterday.

The election was a straight contest between the National Government and Labour, and 79 per cent. of the electorate of 48,850 recorded their votes.

Polling results as follows:

Mr. W. F. Jackson (Lab.) 20,679

Mr. R. Hanning Philipps (C) 18,043

Labour Majority 2,636

The figures at the General Election were:

Hon. Ivor Guest (C) 22,079

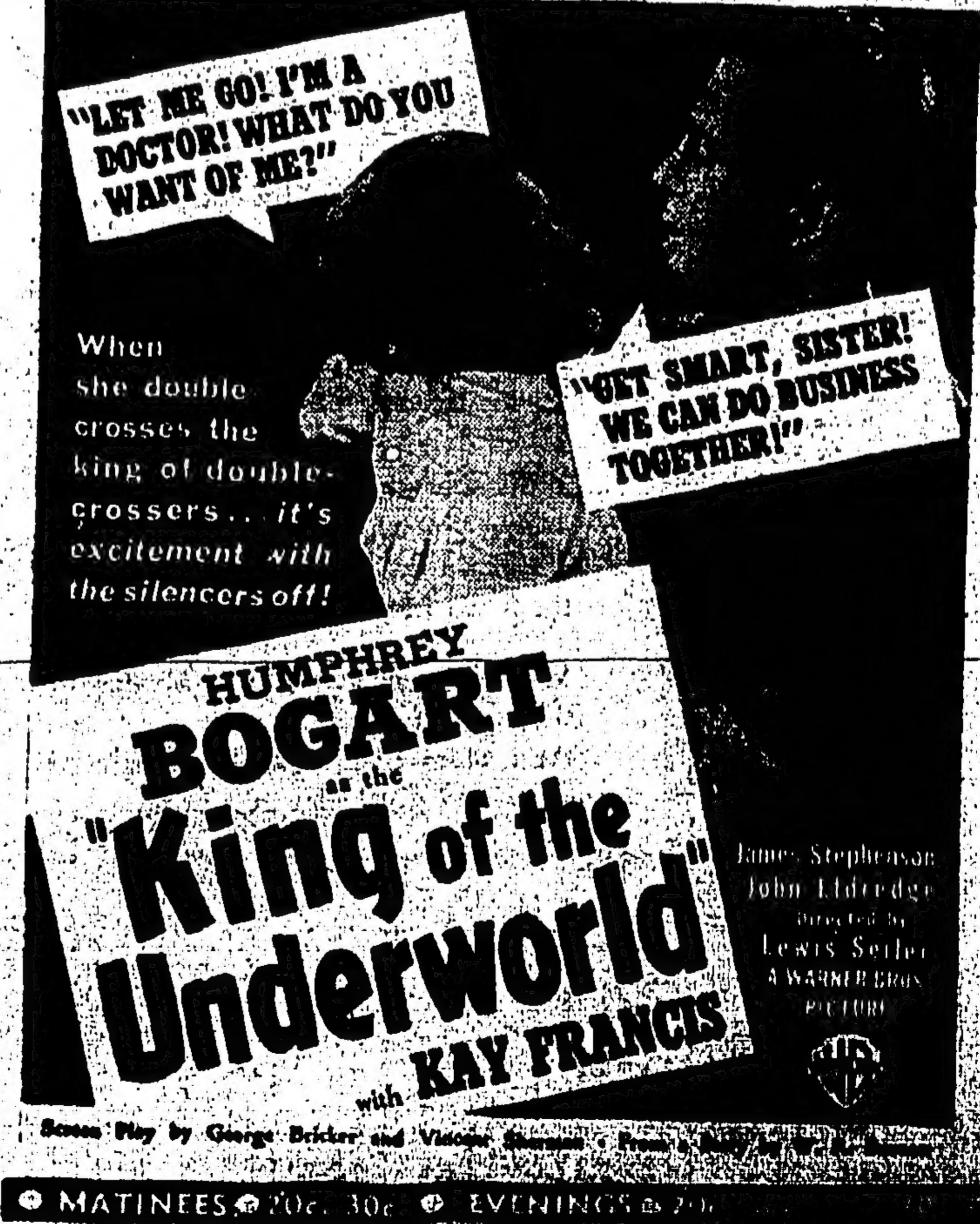
Dr. L. Haden Guest (Lab.) 19,910

Conservative Majority 2,169

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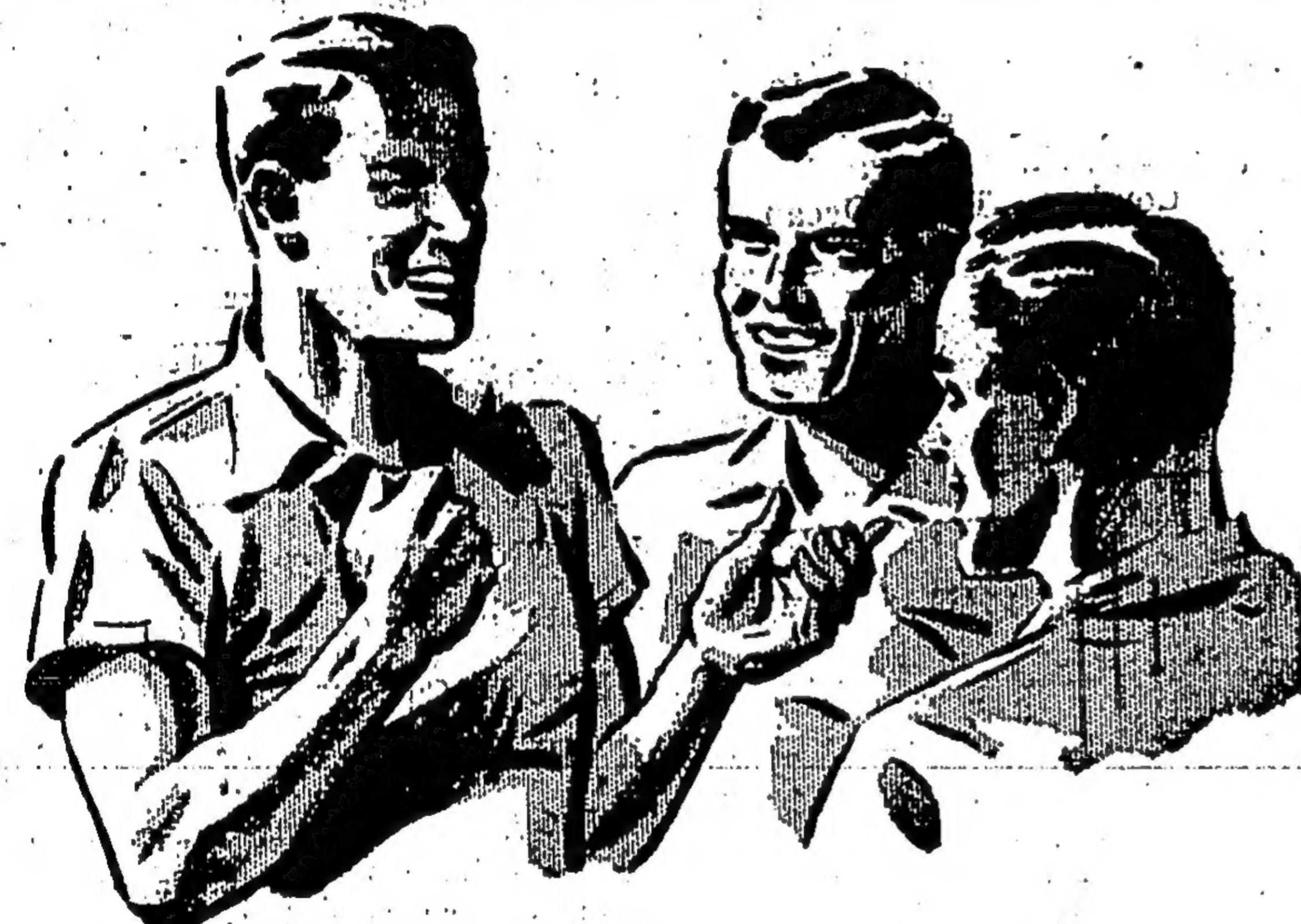


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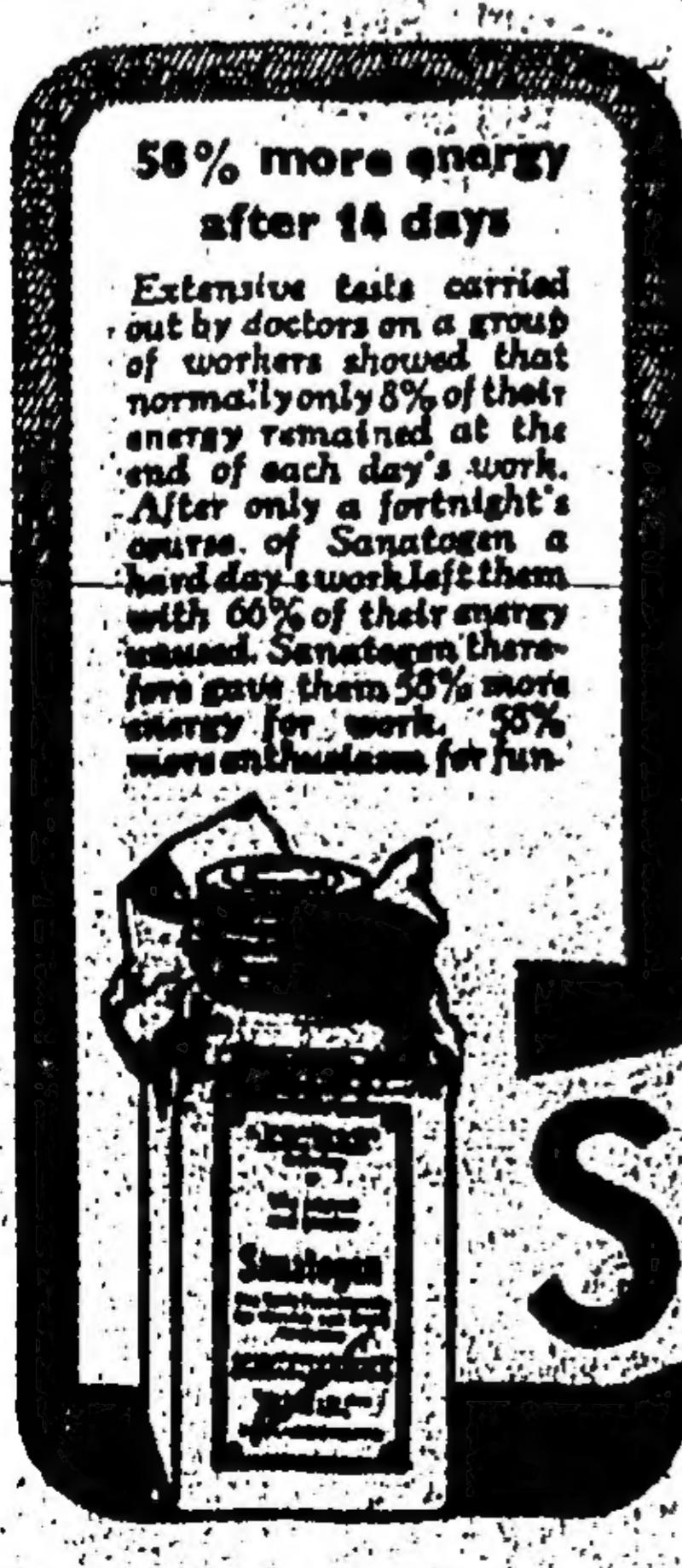


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TIENTSIN

Another intervention by the United States has emphasised, were emphasis needed, that Japan is being disillusioned of any idea that she would have matters all her own way in the Tokyo negotiations. Sir Robert Craigie's intimation to the Japanese Government that failure to control anti-British agitation in China and Japan would make it difficult to continue the negotiations was almost overdue. The visit of the American chargé d'affaires to the Gaimusho underscored the point heavily, at the same time heralding a degree of common action in the face of what is, in reality, a common threat, which is most encouraging.

Mr. Chamberlain's latest statement on the situation has, at the same time, eased many minds, though it is only necessary to test British public opinion by the attitude of newspapers of all shades of political belief to realise that had the Prime Minister ever had the idea of following any other course his position must have been dangerously jeopardised.

"If we make a stand," stresses the "Manchester Guardian," "it should be for certain principles: first, that we can do nothing to aid the Japanese in their aggression either as neutrals or as signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty, which guarantees China's integrity; secondly, that we will not give up our right to trade in China, which is also guaranteed by the Nine-Power Treaty under the famous phrase about the Open Door; and, finally, that in the Far East as in Europe any settlement must be negotiated freely and not enforced at the point of the bayonet."

"It should, and indeed must, be possible to find a solution without infringing these three principles."

"How much the Prime Minister," says the "Birmingham Post," "is apprehensive that commitments in the Far East are expected by the Axis nations to 'cramp our style' in Europe, one can only guess."

"That really is the unknown factor in the problem as the ordinary man sees it; and that is the justification, the only justification, for the Prime Minister's cautious attitude in face of injustices and indignities that a Palmerston or a Salisbury, or a Joseph Chamberlain or an Edward Grey, would have resented and resisted actively."

"Is it not possible, all the same, that the safe way and the bold way is to-day the wise way—and

that to-morrow, in less favourable conditions, we may find it the only way? If Japan has made up her mind to dominate Eastern Asia, should we not—whatever the immediate and obvious dangers—stand up to Japan?"

The Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" suggests that there are four economic reprisals which could be adopted:

"Denunciation of the Anglo-Japanese treaty of 1911, which contains the 'most favoured nation' clause. It is thought that this would affect Japan more severely than any other single measure.

"Imposition of prohibitory duties on Japanese exports to the British Empire.

"Measures against Japanese shipping. This is a more remote possibility.

"The support of the Chinese silver dollar and the furnishing of further credits to China beyond those already granted. This might be accompanied by an attack on the controlled Japanese currency in China."

"The imposition of sanctions is wrong unless we are also prepared to face the risk of war," states Scrutator in the "Sunday Times." "War with Japan would indeed be a serious risk with Europe in its present unsettled state, especially after we have undertaken new obligations that may make demands upon us that no one can limit in advance. Let no one make the mistake of underestimating the power of the Japanese navy and the strategic influence that it might have in a great war."

"Even so, the risks, whatever they are, would have to be met in preference to the extinction in favour of Japan of our political and commercial rights in the Far East."

"The Oxford Dictionary defines prestige," points out the "Daily Mail," as "influence or reputation derived from previous character, achievement, or associations; or especially from past success."

"If we surrender at Tientsin our influence and reputation would crumble not only in the Far East but in the Middle East and the Near East—to say nothing of Europe."

"This country will not rush violently into hostile action—whatever form it may take—against Japan."

"Japan's demands imply that Britain—and it follows that the status of other Western Powers—is equally in question—shall abandon her rights in China."

"It is clear that, failing a reasonable settlement, Britain must act drastically, and if necessary alone."

"Dr. Goebbels's speech in Danzig was moderate," says the "Evening Standard."

"Nazi action may be affected considerably by events in the Far East. No one quite knows where Tientsin is on the map. There is inevitably a suspicion that it is nearer to Dahzig than geography leads us to suppose. Whether, in fact, it is a suburb of Berlin will be shown in the next few days and weeks."

"Everyone knows," asserts the "Glasgow Herald," "that the Japanese do not give more than perfunctory attention to Notes from the Western Powers. But that is because they feel they can rely lightly on the sequel has too often proved—of the probability that the Notes will not be followed up by action. In this case there must be no room for such a probability."

CHURCHILL SOUNDS A STRONG WARNING

Supreme Trial Of Will-Power, If Not Of Arms

OUTLOOK GRAVER THAN AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR

London, To-day.

"It is safer when the House is sitting," declared Mr. Winston Churchill during the debate in the Commons yesterday on the Government's motion to adjourn.

"It would be regrettable," he added, "if the House were to go out of action when the situation was becoming more acute."

Mr. Churchill asked if there was anyone who doubted that there was going to be a supreme trial of will-power, if not of arms?

BUNTING AND CO. CREDITORS' MEETING

London, To-day.

At a meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Bunting and Company, the big tea firm, held yesterday, it was decided to go into creditors' voluntary winding up.

At a subsequent statutory meeting of creditors, a committee of inspection, consisting of the five principal creditors, was appointed.

An approximate statement of affairs revealed that, as against liabilities of £583,583, there appears to be a deficiency of £522,263.

Value had been taken into the statement for the company's interest in subsidiary companies or for impending claims against the English and Scottish Joint Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd.

It is intended to pursue this claim vigorously.

Reuter is informed that heavy stocks of tea held were valued for this purpose as at July 6, since when values have appreciated. — Reuter.

PARLIAMENT AND COLONIES

London, To-day.

In a statement on the proposal for a joint parliamentary committee on colonial questions, the Prime Minister said the Government appreciated the anxiety of members that an opportunity should be afforded to the House of keeping in closer touch with colonial problems.

The particular proposal for a parliamentary committee no doubt presented certain advantages but it raised issues of parliamentary procedure and constitutional practice of a far-reaching character which required very careful consideration.

He hoped to make a more definite statement of the Government's intentions in the autumn.— British Wireless.

It would be disastrous, pathetic and shameful for the Commons to write itself off as an effective factor at this moment.

Mr. Churchill said he trusted Mr. Chamberlain's good faith, but there might be differences of judgment.

To recall Parliament would denote a situation of gravest emergency, because all the Fleet was already mobilised, and it would mean in all probability that something had occurred which had brought us up against the supreme decision.

GRAVE OUTLOOK

Mr. Churchill expressed the view that the situation in Europe was graver than at this time last year, and mentioned the great numbers of men in Germany under arms.

All along the Polish border, he declared, were masses of troops, and every preparation had been

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JAPANESE OBJECT TO MADAME BUTTERFLY.

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese have requested the Shanghai Municipal Council to ban the screening of the Columbia movie "Madame Butterfly" which is now being shown in the International Settlement. — Our Own Correspondent.

made for a speedy advance. — Reuter.

ITALIAN ARMY MANOEUVRES

Paris, To-day.

The French press comments at length on the Italian Army manoeuvres in the Po Valley and the forthcoming manoeuvres of the German Army in eastern Germany.

"L'Intransigeant" declares that the Italian Army war games must be regarded as a demonstration intended to prove that Italy could easily repeal a French offensive and then launch a counter-offensive in French territory.—Trans-Ocean.

International Settlement Negotiations Said To Be Making "Progress"

London, To-day.

MR. A. C. Moreing (Conservative) asked in the House of Commons yesterday what had been the result of the discussions between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the local Japanese authorities concerning restoration of the Yangtsepo and Hongkew districts to control of the Council.

PRINCE PAUL BEGINS TRIP HOME

London, To-day.
Prince Paul of Yugo-Slavia left Victoria Station yesterday afternoon for Paris on his return journey to Belgrade.

While in London he underwent a difficult dental operation and was in a nursing home for three days.— British Wireless.

Was the Prime Minister yet prepared, he asked, to approach the Japanese Government in the matter?

MR. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the discussions between the S.M.C. and the Japanese authorities were still proceeding, and he understood that a certain measure of agreement had been reached.

No action on the part of the British Government appeared to be called for.—Reuter.



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Repeated Abstentions By Nominal Supporters

GERMAN ARMY CELEBRATES AUGUST, 1914

Berlin, To-day.
"Following exact plans and with the precision of clockwork, the best army the world has ever seen took the field just 25 years ago to fight for Germany's vital rights," declared the commander of the Grossdeutschland Regiment, Lt.-Col. von Stockhausen, at a ceremony commemorating the beginning of the War.

Soldiers were assembled at every garrison in Germany to observe the occasion.

In Tutzing, near Munich, where General Ludendorff was buried, a memorial ceremony was held during which the General's achievements at Liege, Tannenberg and on the Western front were recalled.

Tattoos were held at every military garrison in the Reich last night.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER AT TATTOO

Bayreuth, To-day.
Hitler attended a Tattoo of the Bayreuth garrison yesterday in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War.

Hitler later took the march past with Rudolf Hess, Deputy Leader.—Trans-Ocean.

Chief Whip Asked To Furnish A Report

London, To-day.

The question has been raised in parliamentary circles close to the Government whether Mr. Neville Chamberlain can tolerate without loss of prestige the regularly repeated abstentions from voting by nominal followers of the Government.

The parliamentarians in question are members of the Conservative group around Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. L. S. Amery and others.

BULGAR-SOVIET TRADE TALKS

Moscow, To-day.

A group of 22 members of Bulgarian Parliament headed by the Vice Premier, arrived in the Soviet Union yesterday, to discuss with Russian economic experts, the possibilities of extending Soviet-Bulgarian trade.

They will utilise the opportunity to visit the Moscow agricultural exhibition.—Trans-Ocean.



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AMBASSADOR TO LODGE ONE MORE PROTEST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER STATED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ENTER A FURTHER VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST THE CONTINUATION OF ANTI-BRITISH AGITATION IN NORTH CHINA.

He also assured members that the Government was maintaining contact with the French and United States Governments.

It is pointed out in London that the recently negotiated formula which forms the basis for the present conversations in Tokyo with a view to settlement of local issues at Tientsin, provided for responsibility on the part of the Japanese Government for the maintenance of public order in areas in China under their control.

Continuance of anti-British agitation in those areas on present lines is inconsistent with the Japanese undertaking.—British Wireless.

TOKYO TALKS CONFINED TO LOCAL ISSUES

London, To-day.

The conversations on Tientsin were the subject of another answer in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked if support of the Chinese currency had been under discussion in the conversations between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Minister.

He replied: "The conversations at present proceeding in Tokyo are confined to local issues at Tientsin."

Intervening in reply to supplementaries, which included a direct appeal to him to give a pledge that the Government would not consent to de-legalisation of the Chinese currency, the Prime Minister recalled his full statement on the Far East in the debate on Monday, and declined to go beyond that.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS

London, To-day.

A press telegram states that the conversations between M. Molotov and the British and French representatives were resumed yesterday afternoon.

According to this report, it is generally believed in well informed circles in Moscow that the conversations covered formulation of agenda of the forthcoming Staff talks in Moscow and a further attempt to establish a mutually agreeable definition of indirect aggression.

The conversations lasted an hour and a quarter, and the atmos-

sphere at the end is described as optimistic.—British Wireless.

"INDIRECT AGGRESSION"

London, To-day.
The Moscow political conversations are likely to be suspended till the arrival of the British and French military missions, says the "Daily Telegraph" this morning.

The paper says the chief object of the military talks will be solution of the problem of what constitutes indirect aggression on the Baltic States.—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar

ROAD AND RAIL AGREEMENT ON RATES

A new era in British freight transport may develop as a result of co-operation agreed upon between the railways and road transport concerns.

Mr. A. E. Sewell, joint chairman of the Road and Rail conference, made this forecast. There will still be competition—but it will be on service and not on rates, he said.

5 POINTS THAT SELL A HOUSE

Five chief points in the selling of a house were mentioned (and lamented) at a Town Planning Institute meeting in London. They are:

Cost of season ticket or bus fare.

Amount of interest and repayments.

Local rates.

No road charges or legal fees.

Ease in getting to work in the mornings.

Things that took second place were: Accommodation, proximity of schools, ultimate selling value, garden and nearness of shops. These were, in reality, of first importance.

A joint statement (by the Road and Rail chairmen) says that recently not only was the future of the railways at stake, but the whole future of transport within Great Britain.

They refer to the approval given by the Transport Advisory Council to proposals of the four forms of transport—rail, road, coast shipping and canal—for co-ordination.

"This co-operation, when supported by the necessary legislation, holds the promise of a stable and well-ordered transport system, working in the national interest, at the lowest economic rates to the public," they add.

Now it is proposed to submit for sanction to a tribunal, before whom traders may appear, rates agreements in regard to road and rail merchandise traffic.

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SPORTS START AT DAWN

Ten men started a ten-mile bicycle race through the deserted streets of Folkestone at 4 a.m. They were competitors in the first event in the annual sports of the Folkestone hotel staffs, which began at dawn. Twenty events were completed before 7 a.m., in time for the staffs of ten hotels to go back and get breakfast for the guests.

RAILMEN ASK £2,356,000 RISE

Claims, which if granted in full would involve an additional labour cost of £2,356,000 a year, were submitted to the railway companies by two railway trade unions in London. The National Union of Railwaymen made one demand only—that the minimum rate for adults in traffic grades shall be not less than 50s. a week.

LORD MAYOR'S THETIS FUND IS £112,000

Sir Frank Bowater, Lord Mayor of London, announced that the national fund for dependents of victims of the Thetis submarine disaster had reached about £112,000.

On that basis they would be able to provide pensions of £100 per annum for officers' widows and £50 for widows of ratings. It was suggested that pensions on similar scales should be provided for the widows of civilians.

For children of naval officers it was proposed to grant £20 per annum up to the age of sixteen, with a pro rata allowance for other children. It was believed that sixty-nine widows and eighty-two children would have to be provided for.

Thetis (in Greek mythology) was the daughter of Nereus, wife of Peleus and mother of Achilles. She was the chief of fifty Nereides and she dwelt in the depths of the seas with her father and sisters.

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HUGE AIRPORT OPENS

By turning the propeller of a silver model of a Spitfire fighter, Lord Trenchard, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Britain's largest airport—the £200,000 aerodrome built at Grangemouth (Stirlingshire) to serve Glasgow, Edinburgh and Central Scotland.

The landing field, now 1,300 yards by 1,500 yards, can be extended to one mile one furlong by one mile and a half.

WHERE MRS. GRUNDY RULES

Bathing suits with "knee-length bloomers and high collars" are the order for women bathers at Sherwood Gap, the rule being that they must be modestly dressed.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts:

Witness of Wood Green: I saw the car approaching me and wondered whether it would hit me. I wondered correctly.

Motorist at Wood Green: The traffic lights around here are very changeable.

Man at South London: I called upstairs to my wife, and got the dialling signal.

Motorist at Tower Bridge: I never exceed the speed limit unless it is to overtake a police car.

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"MUSEUM-PIECE"

PIPE FOUND

While repairs were being carried out at the King's Arms Hotel, Pembroke (nearly 400 years old), a churchwarden pipe and silver coins were discovered under a floor. Experts believe the pipe is one of the first churchwarden pipes ever made.

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BRITAIN'S IRISH POLICE

In the Metropolitan Police are 130 officers who were born in Eire. The Manchester force has fourteen and Liverpool forty-one. These figures are given in a written answer in the Commons.

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CANNON BALL IN CLIFF SIDE

Sea erosion at the Old Ford, Fishguard, has revealed a cannon ball of cast iron weighing 16lb. embedded in the cliff side. It is believed to be a relic of the French attempted invasion of 1797.

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TERRITORIALS IN CRASH

A party of 10 Territorials were thrown into a ditch when a lorry, in which they were returning from searchlight practice, crashed over the side of the bridge at Bishton, Mon.



AN AIR RAID PRECAUTION.—The Police are apparently taking their Air Raid Precautions very seriously. Judging by this picture from Islington. At this North London police station the windows are so equipped to take a number of two inch boards, each board numbered, enabling them to be fitted very quickly in case of emergency. Photo shows—Passers-by view the "boarded" window at the Islington Police Station.



BIRTHDAY PICTURE OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF BULGARIA.—This charming picture shows the Crown Prince of Bulgaria, Simeon Tarnowski, son of King Boris, who recently celebrated his 2nd birthday. Photo shows King Boris (of Bulgaria) (right) photographed with his family, showing the little Crown Prince (left).

PRESTIGE AND POWER

THE BACKGROUND

IT is difficult for Englishmen to believe that there is a sense of grievance among Germans and Italians about their position in the world. Yet it is necessary to understand what that grievance is, and whence it comes, if we are to understand the extent of the danger to peace and the character of the problem that has to be solved. The sense of grievance is sharpened by the Treaty of Versailles, but it is not created by it. Italy, so far from suffering, gained a great deal of territory by the treaty. Germany, though of course the vindictive provisions of the treaty, and not least the manner in which it was forced on her, have embittered her, believed that she had a grievance before the war. "Encirclement" is no new cry. In truth the greatest grievance Germany has against the treaty is one that she shares with a great part of Europe, for the stupid malice that inspired its economic arrangements caused widespread injury all over the Continent and far beyond it. The grievances of both countries go much farther back into history.

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In a vivid article in "Foreign Affairs" Ferrero well describes what happened to Europe at the end of the Middle Ages:

Mediaeval civilisation strove for centuries to raise a ladder from the earth to the sky on which mankind could climb to paradise. In building the ladder humanity lost nearly all its scientific knowledge. It was content with a rudimentary organisation of political power and it allowed the art of warfare to be forgotten.

At the Renaissance the human spirit arrived at the gate of heaven, abruptly returned to earth, determined to explore it, to seize its treasures, to learn anew the science of war and politics.

The vast change so graphically described was due, of course, to a series of extraordinary events: the discoveries of the explorers, the discoveries of the astronomers, the invention of the printing press and of firearms, and the world-wide expansion of Europe. Mankind was powerfully excited by the study of the ancient civilisations now brought back to life and by the new triumphs of the neglected sciences.

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Now the spirit of the Middle Ages, the desire for peace and unity, found its shelter and its symbols in two great institutions, the Papacy and the Holy Roman Empire. Professor Toynbee has well said that they were the only two Great Powers. They exerted a force on the whole of Western Christendom. By the first Rome dominated

this world without arms, ruling by Bulls and Benedictions. If the Papacy had its home in Italy, the Emperor was German, for from the time of the crowning of Otto the Great in 936 A.D. the Holy Roman Emperor was always the King of Germany. An Italian or a German looks back on a glorious past in which his country symbolised what was highest and best in the imagination of Europe. We may say, indeed, that that past signified and prolonged the influence of Graeco-Roman civilisation upon the world. And in the events that brought that mediaeval simplicity to an end Germany and Italy had a leading share, as we know from the History of the Renaissance and of the Reformation.

Ferrero has said that "the Renaissance meant rebirth for France and England, but for Italy suicide." In the world created by this revolution Italy and Germany found themselves inferior to the local kingdoms that had begun to consolidate their unity as political societies. When Machiavelli wrote "The Prince" in 1515 he saw that unless some Italian ruler could do for Italy what the Tudors had done

for England, for France, and for Spain, Italy's mercy of States was in war and tests of power. But to unite Italy century was as Greece in the What was to be Papacy? Which City States would other? And if handicapped for unity by her species Germany was Bryce describes an aggregate of States, governed could neither repel each other nor foreign enemy, presidency of an

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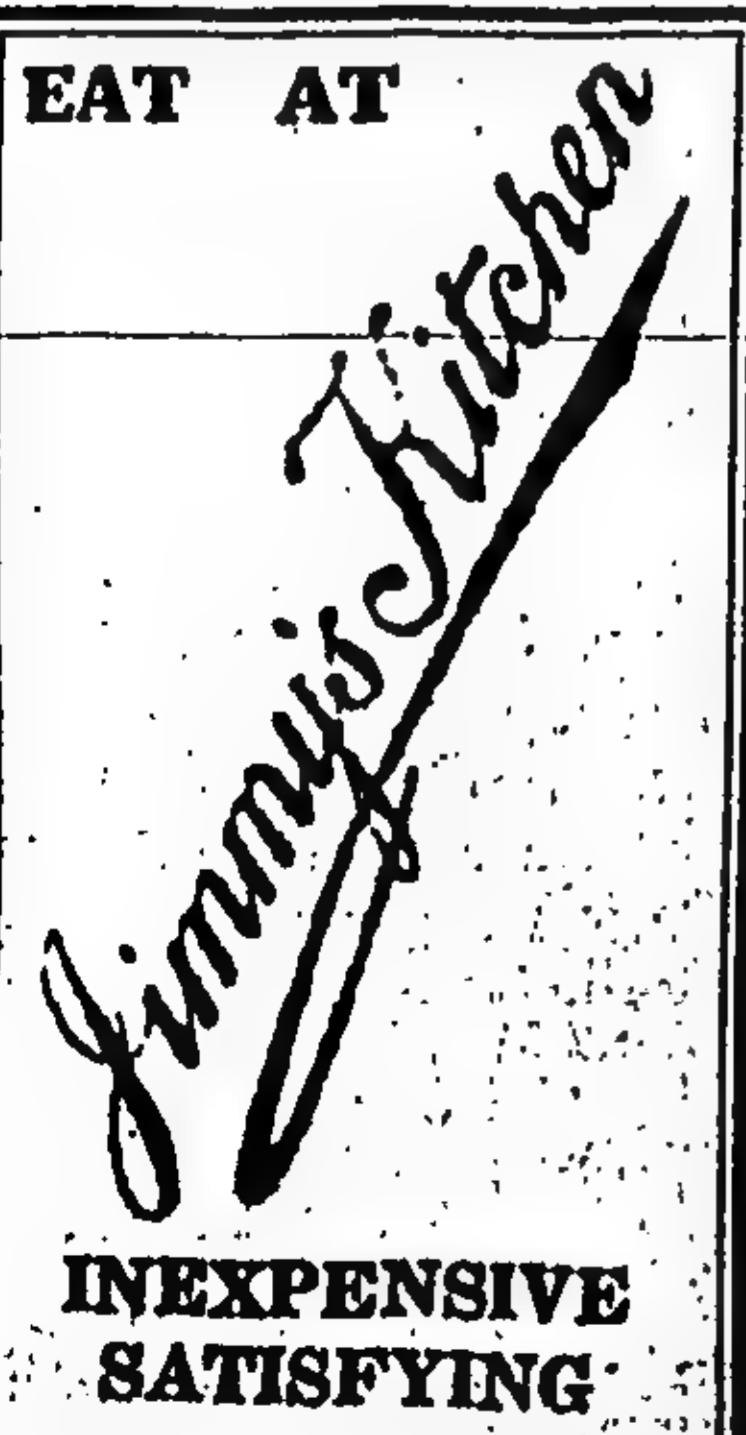


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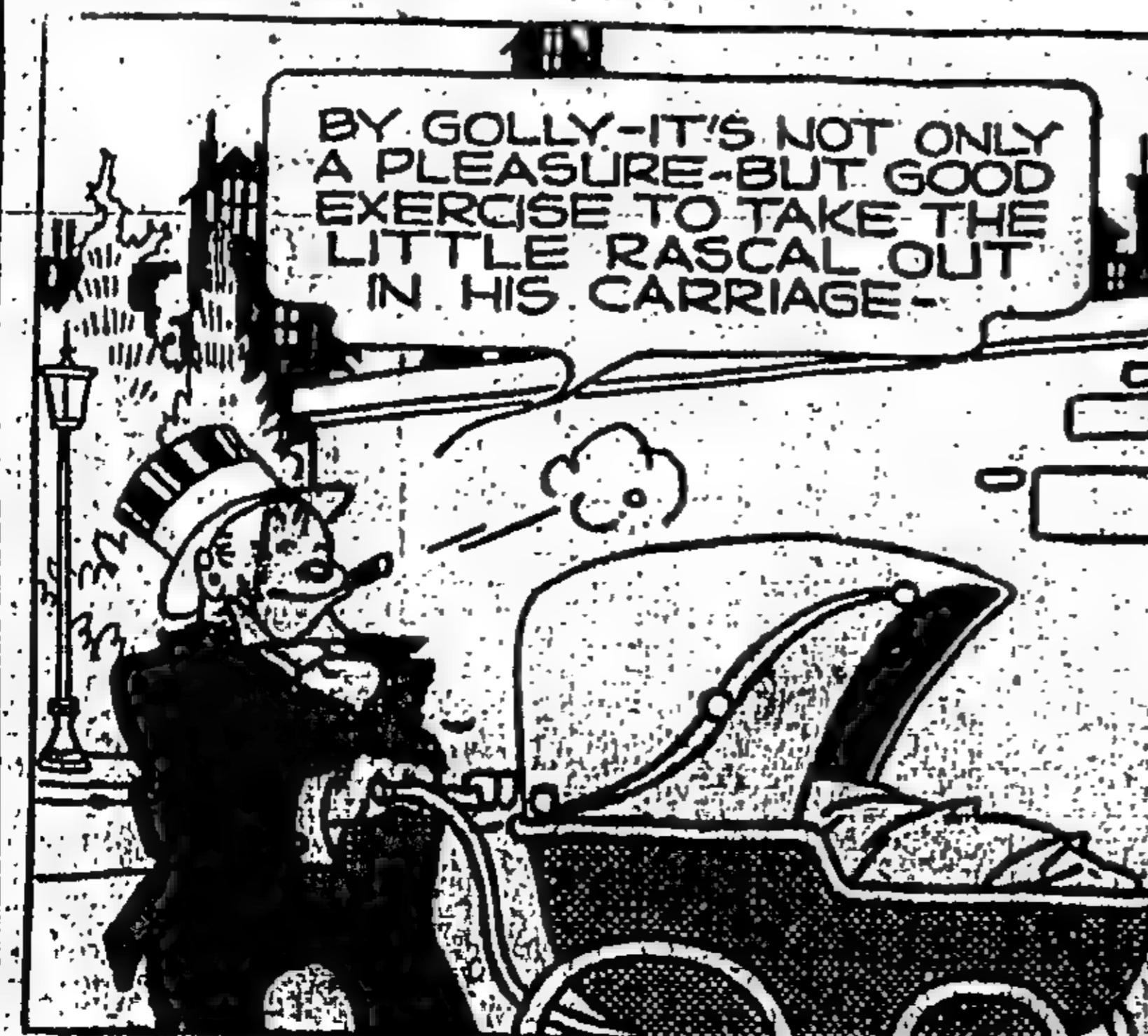
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MARIE STOPES

Is A Mother Like You, She Plans Her Child, Keeps Him From Harm, loves Him. Some People Think That Her Ideas Are "Revolutionary." Do You Agree With Her To-Day?

DIRT pursues the housewife like a fiend. Washing up after every meal, cleaning grates after every fire, doorsteps, windows, bedroom china, staircases, clothes—

Though the starched white frock and pinafore have gone out, and the gentleman who uses fourteen starched white shirts a week—as did my own father—is now so rare, as to be a museum piece—nevertheless clothes remain a major worry to the mother of children.

Tommy has to wear a suit, collar, tie, shirt, socks—perhaps even gloves.

And all these items seem to have a positive attraction for dirt when they are combined with Tommy into that social unit, the unnatural, "little gentleman."

Poor children, looking so tidy and smart, my heart aches for them when I see them in the city streets or in the park!

Such immaculate (and hideously unnatural) appearance can only be achieved at the expense of two very precious things—their own natural desire for messy play and their mothers' peaceful leisure.

Why should boys, while still so young that their lovely little bodies are cupid-like, be put into the hideous embryonic form of grown men's still more hideous clothes?

They make part of everybody's

landscape. And for that reason alone, it is due to the community that they should be dressed for beauty and use.

They should not add to the drab ugliness of formality so prevalent in cities.

Their limbs should only be so far covered as is necessary to keep them warm.

The covering should show their shape and not hide it with hard angularity as do the stiff "suits" the poor mites proudly struggle into.

Replace these wretched "suits" with something sensible and gay.

Far the best material is pure wool, knitted by hand. It is airy, warm, washes in a moment or two, and can be gaily coloured.

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Little boys of six and eight years old are put into grey pants because they don't show the dirt."

But that doesn't prevent real dirt being there, on a garment difficult to keep "smart" if often washed.

How would I dress boys?

In scarlet, or green, or orange knitted wool pants and open-necked jerseys with their sleeves rolled up.

They can be tubbed in a minute or two every day or second day. The very feel of lightness and ease in such clothes encourages activity, and that is a joyous and right thing.

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Have you ever stopped to look at the grey drab, cloudedness of a group of young boys? Do if you have not.

Can you do so and not feel a pang that the young of MAN should in this period of rich production be made ugly by your false civilisation when he should be gay and radiant?

As well as dressing the young boy in bright wool I would give him mud, earth, sand, clay, bonfires and running water to mix with the lot . . . all the delightful "dirty" things boys naturally love, and which fewer and fewer of our boys are allowed to enjoy.

The things that make dirt really dirty are the "germs" which it may contain.

There are so many varieties of them that they are the subject of a whole science—bacteriology—and of course the study of germs is a large part of the science of medicine.

You cannot see them, because there isn't a single germ of any known disease that is large enough for the naked human eye to see.

All are impalpably small, but they have the most wonderful capacity to reproduce themselves.

Good country soil, on the other hand—though it contains many bacteria on whose lives the healthy life of green plants may depend—seldom contains germs harmful to human beings.

Distinguish between clean dirt and dirty dirt.

The germ-laden dust of town streets is really dirty: the caking mud of a country field is clean dirt. Let them enjoy the clean dirt even if they are plastered from top to toe in mud. A suit-collar-tie-get-up in such a state means nerve-racking work. A woolly jersey and pants don't.

There is a saying, "clothes make the man."

Let me propose a truer one—clothes destroy the boy.



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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Overweight People Suffer Most In Hot Weather

We must admit that sometimes due to glandular trouble some women cannot reduce to near a normal weight. Others may be handicapped by a slight deformity which does not permit them to exercise as much as is necessary to keep weight nicely distributed and regulated. Those women must be excused. But other overweights should get a good talking to!

When the hot weather descends it is the heavy lady who minds the heat most. She not only loses her energy but she suffers constantly from body perspiration and depressed spirits. Unless she can stay where it is cool, with frequent dips into the ocean, she is not her usual happy self.

REDUCE NOW

Summer is a splendid time to reduce. One can get out of doors and exercise more than during

tive arrangements to prevent hot weather chafing.

Do not use greasy creams on your skin. You may use a non-greasy liquid foundation for your make-up and a face powder free of starch.

Your dresses should be of cool, porous material and whenever it is possible go without your girdle. Always exercise without any binding undergarment on.

Within a month, if you follow the menus carefully and exercise you will begin to feel much better. There is little excuse for being overweight (other than those mentioned above), so get busy and see if you cannot be a more glamorous belle by the time early fall arrives and the new season's sensational clothes!



Overweights who are careless about diets naturally perspire more than others. It is most unattractive.

winter months. Duties diminish considerably as housekeeping is lighter and social demands lessen. And during warm weather the body requires less fuel so one may regulate her meals to salads, vegetables and fruits without losing too much vitality.

It is also easier to get sun ripened fruits and vegetables during the summer time, and they are cheaper, so if your slimming diet calls for them in quantity you can get them and afford them.

WHILE SLIMMING

You undoubtedly will suffer with perspiration until you have slimmed. So I give you these few simple suggestions which may help to correct the condition.

Bathe frequently in warm water to which has been added toilet vinegar, and follow with a cool spraying or shower to tone up the skin. An alkaline soap should be used. A bit of witch hazel in rinsing water for face washing is helpful. Every day use a reliable deodorant—in cream or liquid form. Wear shields and those thigh-protect-

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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

This day may see too much of an inclination to brood over unpleasant past experiences. The past is gone; live to-day, and let to-morrow take care of itself. A spirit of selfishness may inspire some suggestion you receive from a supposed friend. Ulterior motives are apt to be found back of much of the free-advice offered this day. Insist on reading any document to which it is necessary to affix your signature, for omissions through carelessness or deliberate design, are liable to occur. Greed will bring about an elasticity of conscience this day, making it advisable for you to be constantly on your guard in matters involving money or some future business policy. Married or engaged couples, and those who are intrigued with the thoughts of an early

betrothal must be careful that a desire to have their own way does not spoil their day.

If a woman and August 3, is your birthday, you are likely to have an inventive mind, and the ability to write a clever letter. You should have all the social graces, or be able to acquire them with ease. Your most serious failing may be an extremely sensitive nature, which causes you to be unduly suspicious and easily offended. You may have a latent sense of humour that requires development. You must have your own circle of friends and try to confine yourself to it, and not try to force yourself to adopt someone

else's, if you really wish to enjoy the full benefits of friendship. Through the management of a restaurant, specialty shop, or business office, writing, selling or work of an artistic nature you may be regarded as worthy to be included among the women of outstanding achievements. Your matrimonial prospects indicate that you will exercise excellent judgment in your selection of a husband.

The child born on August 3, is usually rather aggressive and must be taught not to argue. A good mind, a kind heart and a willingness to learn, give promise of this youngster's becoming a useful member of society.



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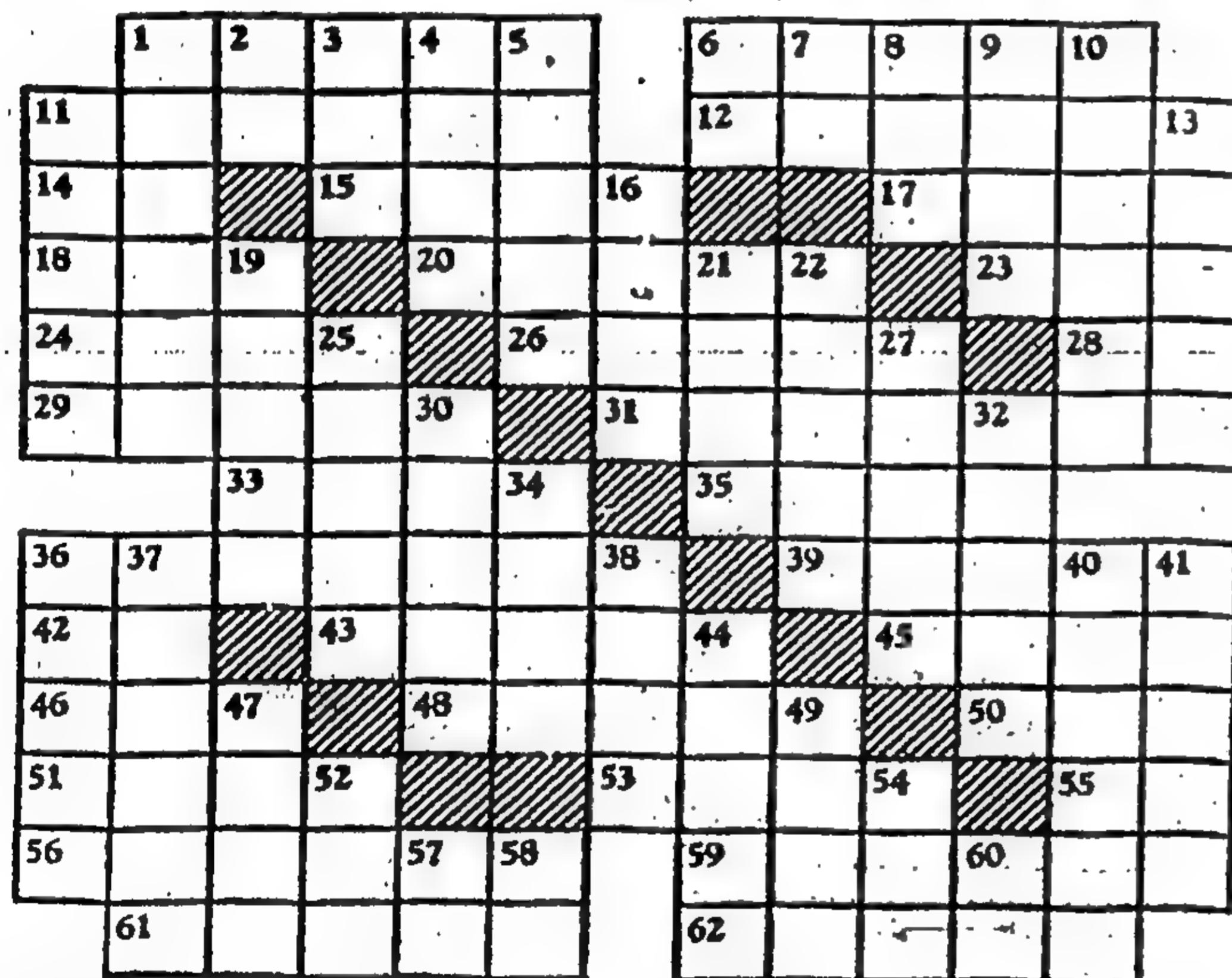
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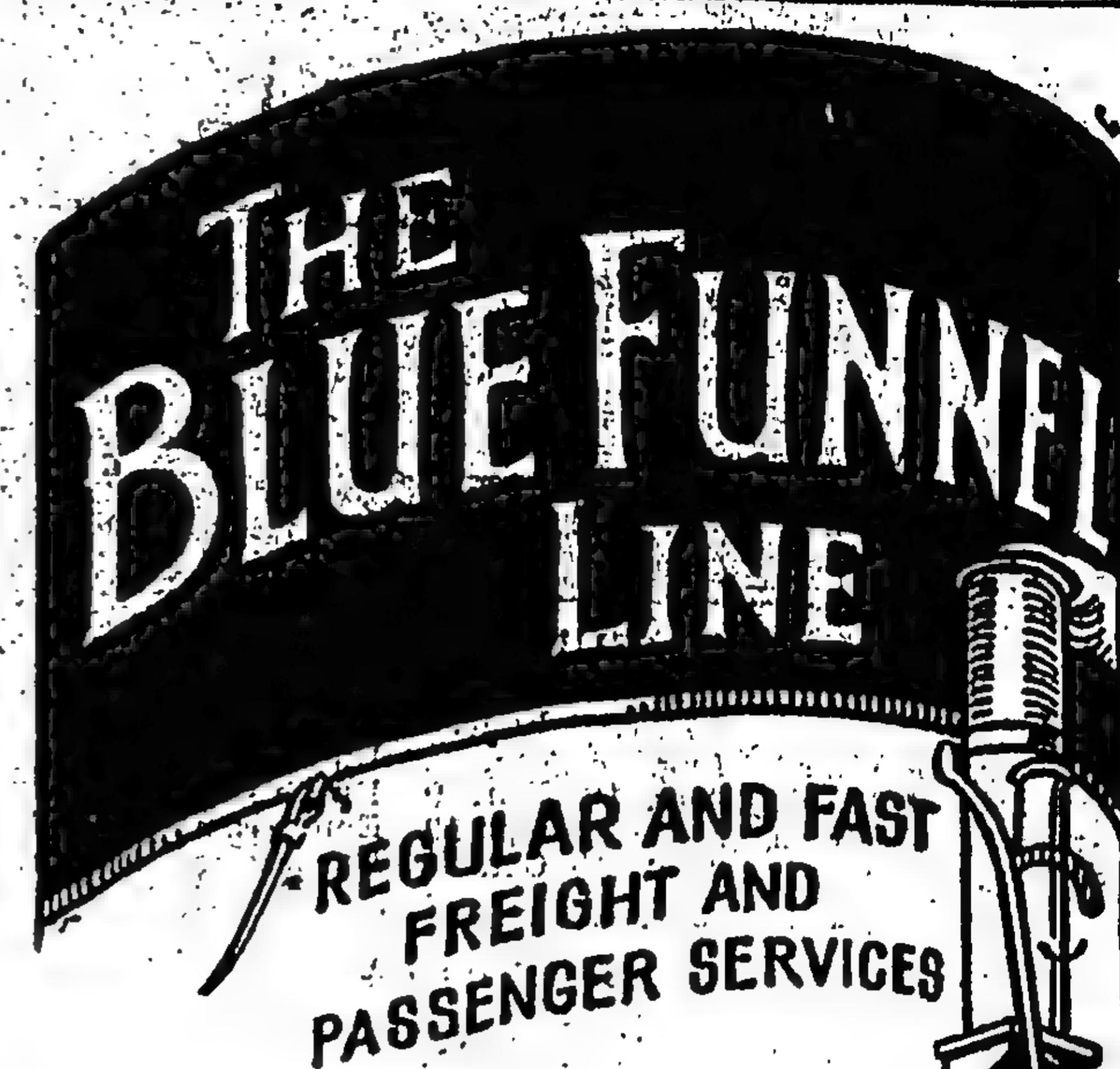
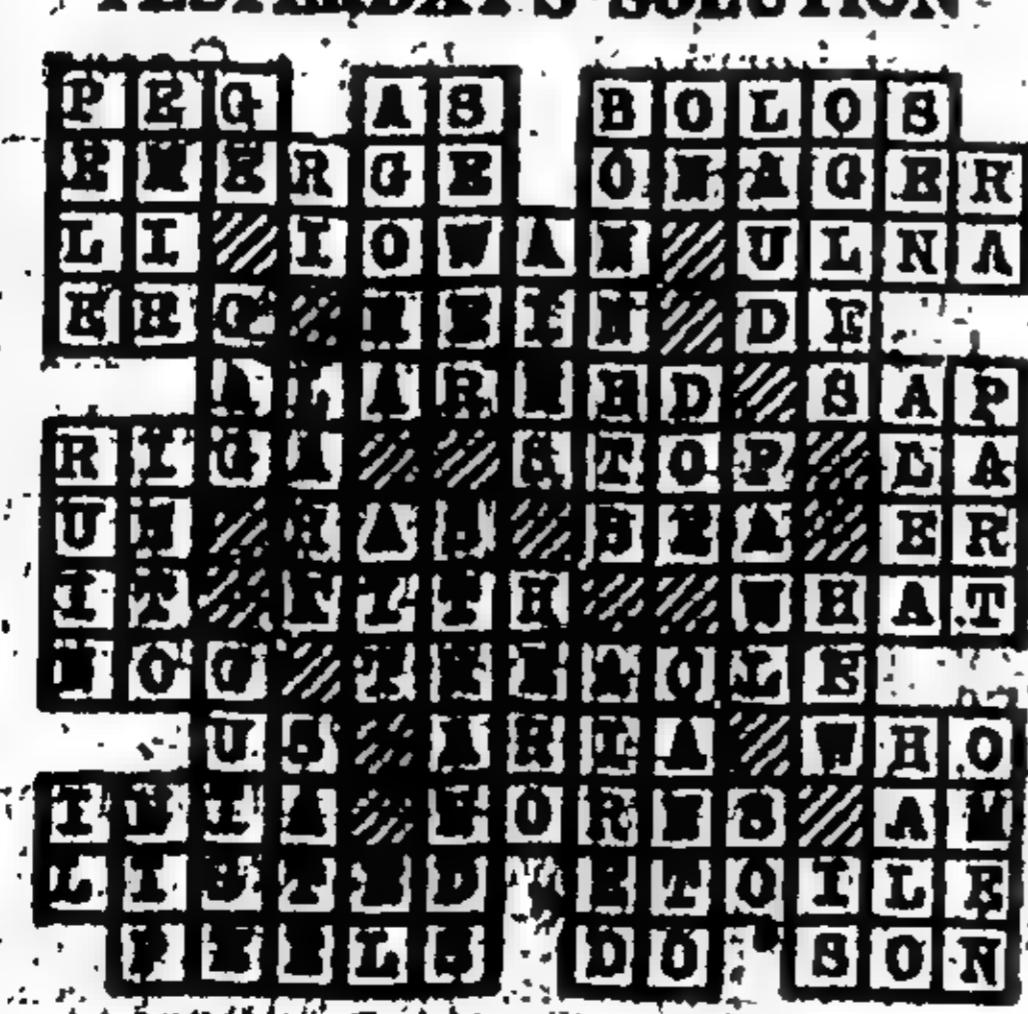
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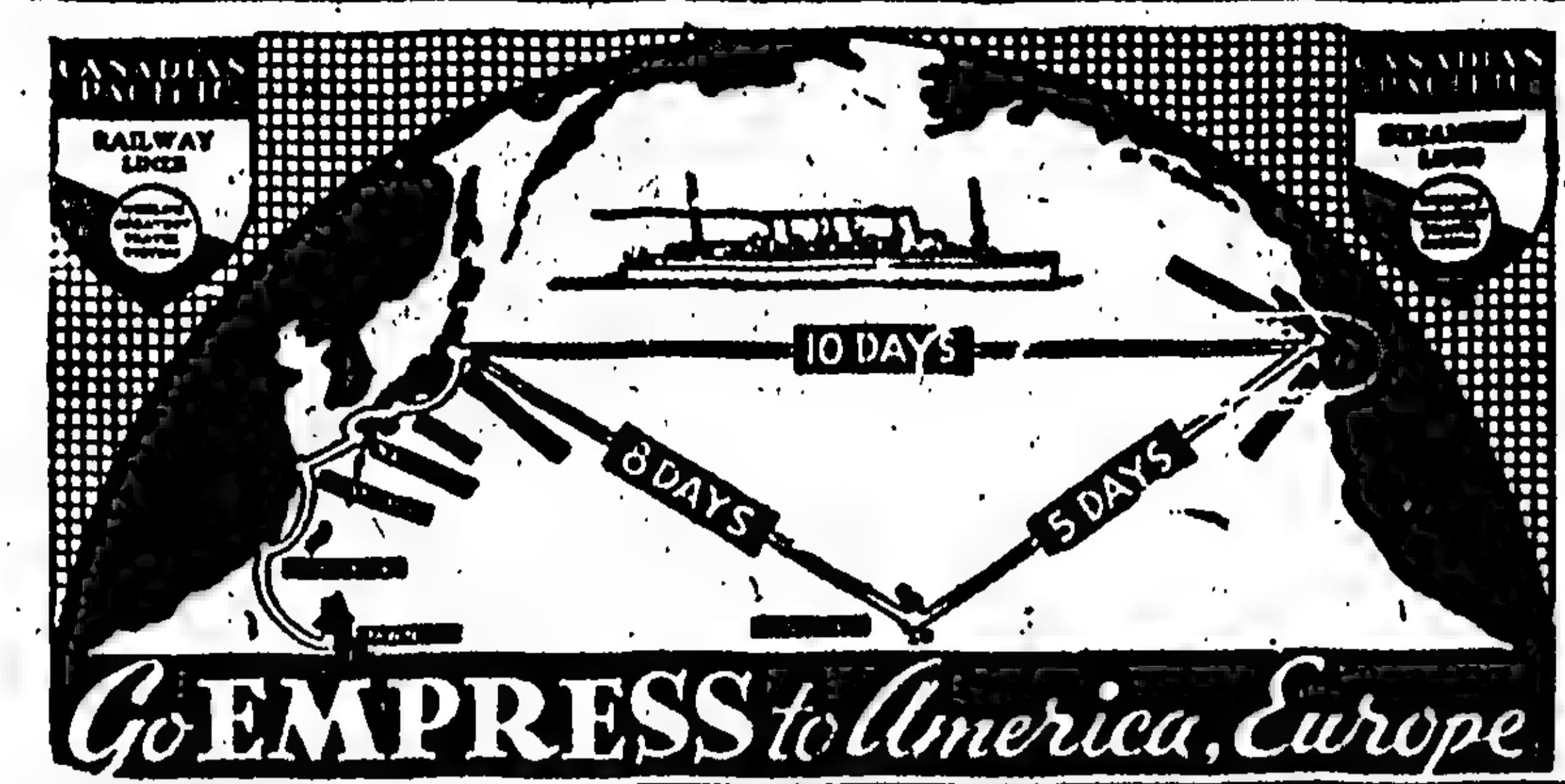
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GAYDA TALKS THROUGH HIS HAT

Rome, To-day.

The claim that France's famed Maginot Line and the Alpine fortifications, pronounced impregnable by foreign military experts, could be broken through by the German and Italian armies, respectively, is made by Signor Gayda in "Giornale d'Italia."

"Some people on the other side of the Alps pretend to be absolutely certain that these defences could not be passed by an enemy army," says Gayda, "but this view is not shared by Germany and Italy."

Gayda admits, however, that Germany and Italy "are aware of the usefulness of the fortifications."

He says that "in some way or another" the defences could be overrun and a fortress war turned into a war of movement. This is the aim of the Italian army manoeuvres, he adds. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE AIR ACTIVITY NORTH OF HONG KONG

A FLEET OF SOME 15 JAPANESE PLANES WERE ACTIVE ALONG THE KOWLOON-CANTON LINE YESTERDAY, WARNING BEING SOUNDED IN SHUMCHUN.

The machines, however, did not visit the border town.

Details of the bombing of towns between Shumchun and Sheklung have not yet been received, but it is reported that several villagers were killed and wounded.

The detonation of bombs was faintly audible in Shumchun.

Several local planes were yesterday cruising in the region of the border in British territory. It is not known whether the planes were from the Flying School or from the R.A.F.

DE LLANO LEAVES BURGOS

MADRID, TO-DAY.

GENERAL QUIPO DE LLANO, CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE RECENT REVOLT RUMOURS, LEFT BURGOS FOR MALAGA YESTERDAY.

His appointment as chief of the Spanish military mission to Italy has not yet been announced.

General Yague, whose name was also linked with the "revolt," may be made commander of the Madrid military district.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY TENNIS

THREE GAMES YESTERDAY

Three games were played yesterday at Sookunpo in the Army Tennis League.

In the "A" Division Army League tennis match played at Sookunpo yesterday, the Royal Medical Corps beat the 9th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery, by 9—0.

Major Harrison and Major McNeill (R.A.M.C.).

beat L/Bdr. Mew and L/Bdr. Savage 6—2

beat Gnr. Langley and Gnr. Hard 6—1

beat L/Bdr. Steves and Bdr. Kennedy 6—0

S/Sgt. Steven and Pte. Tilley (R.A.M.C.).

beat Mew and Savage 6—0

beat Langley and Hard 6—2

beat Steves and Kennedy 6—1

Cpl. Webb and Cpl. Musson (R.A.M.C.).

beat Mew and Savage 6—2

beat Langley and Hard 6—1

beat Steves and Kennedy 6—2

ROYAL ENGINEERS WIN

In the "B" Division League tennis match, the 40th Coy., Royal Engineers "A" beat the 30th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, by 5—4.

Capt. Martin and Lt. Russell (R.E.).

lost to Lt. Skipwith and L/Bdr. Ward 2—6

beat Sgt. Banham and L/Bdr. Stone 6—3

lost to Bdr. Tuckley and Gnr. Roche 4—6

Sgt. Denyer and L/Cpl. Hawkins (R.E.).

lost to Skipwith and Ward 4—6

beat Banham and Stone 6—2

beat Tuckley and Roche 6—3

W. O. Green and Sgt. Quinnell (R.E.).

lost to Skipwith and Ward 3—6

beat Banham and Stone 6—2

beat Tuckley and Roche 6—3

R.A.S.C. BEATEN

In their "B" Division League tennis match, the 30th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, beat the Royal Army Service Corp by 6—3.

S/Sgt. Keast and L/Cpl. Martin (R.A.S.C.).

lost to Lt. and L/Bdr. Ward 1—6

beat Sgt. Banham and L/Bdr. Stone 6—1

beat Bdr. Tuckley and Gnr. Roche 6—2

Cpl. Mall and L/Cpl. Sheridan (R.A.S.C.).

lost to Skipwith and Ward 4—6

lost to Banham and Stone 2—6

beat Tuckley and Roche 6—4

L/Cpl. Young and Dvr. Logan (R.A.S.C.).

lost to Skipwith and Ward 2—6

lost to Banham and Stone 2—6

lost to Tuckley and Roche 4—6

NAIROBI TO-DAY.

THE PORT OF MOMBASA HAS BEEN CLOSED BY THE POLICE FOLLOWING A THREAT BY STRIKERS TO INTIMIDATE MEN AT WORK.

The strike began a week ago among oil company employees, and now involves 6,000 workmen, representing every class of African labour.

The men are demanding higher wages.—Reuter Bulletin.

DAIRIES CLOSED

Warsaw, To-day.

Fourteen German-owned dairy shops in the district of Posen have been closed by order of the Polish authorities, according to the "Gazeta Polska."

Reason given for the action is infringement of the sanitary rules.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-19/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 16-11/16 and forward at 16-5/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at 4—U.S.\$468.12 and New York on London at 4—U.S.\$468.1/8.

IN THE HARBOUR

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ARRIVING TO-DAY

Corfu, P. and O., due from Japan/Shanghai at 6 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Hai Lee (Thoresen), due from Rangoon at noon.

Marechal Joffre, Mess. Mar., due from Japan/Shanghai at 11 a.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Taiyo Maru, NYK, due from Manila at 10 a.m.; buoy A-4.

Taksang, I.C., due from Shanghai between 10 and 10.30 a.m.; West Point Wharf.

SAILING TO-DAY

Ajax, Blue Funnel, sailed for Shanghai/Japan.

Carthage, P. and O., sailing at noon for Shanghai/Japan; Kowloon Wharf.

Glenbeg, Glen, sailed for Shanghai/Japan.

Marechal Joffre, Mess. Mar., sailing for Europe at 8 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Shirala, BI, sailed for Japan.

Sinkiang, CNC, sailing for Shanghai at 4 p.m.; buoy B-12.

Tegelberg, JCJL, sailing for Batavia/South Africa at 5 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Van Heutz, JCJL, sailed for Singapore.

Woolgar, Jardine's, sails for Sandakan at 5 p.m.; buoy B-22.

Wosang, expected to sail for North China at 6 p.m.; buoy B-2 (see below).

NOTES

The Indo-China s.s. Wosang is expected to sail for Shanghai, Chefoo and Tientsin at 6 o'clock this evening, but the heavy rainfall during the night may have delayed her departure somewhat.

The O.S.K. informed the "China Mail" this morning that the s.s. Canton Maru will not be calling here this voyage from Formosa.

Having left Yokohama at 8 o'clock this morning, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia is expected to arrive here at about 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 10. She will sail at midnight that day for Manila.

CHINESE ATTACK PREDICTED

Shanghai, To-day. A large scale attack on Nanking and Shanghai on the eve of August 13 by the New Fourth Army with the support of guerillas, is predicted.

It is stated that troops are massed near Wusih in the vicinity of Tungwan.—Our Own Correspondent.

CRAWLED UPSTAIRS LIKE A CRAB

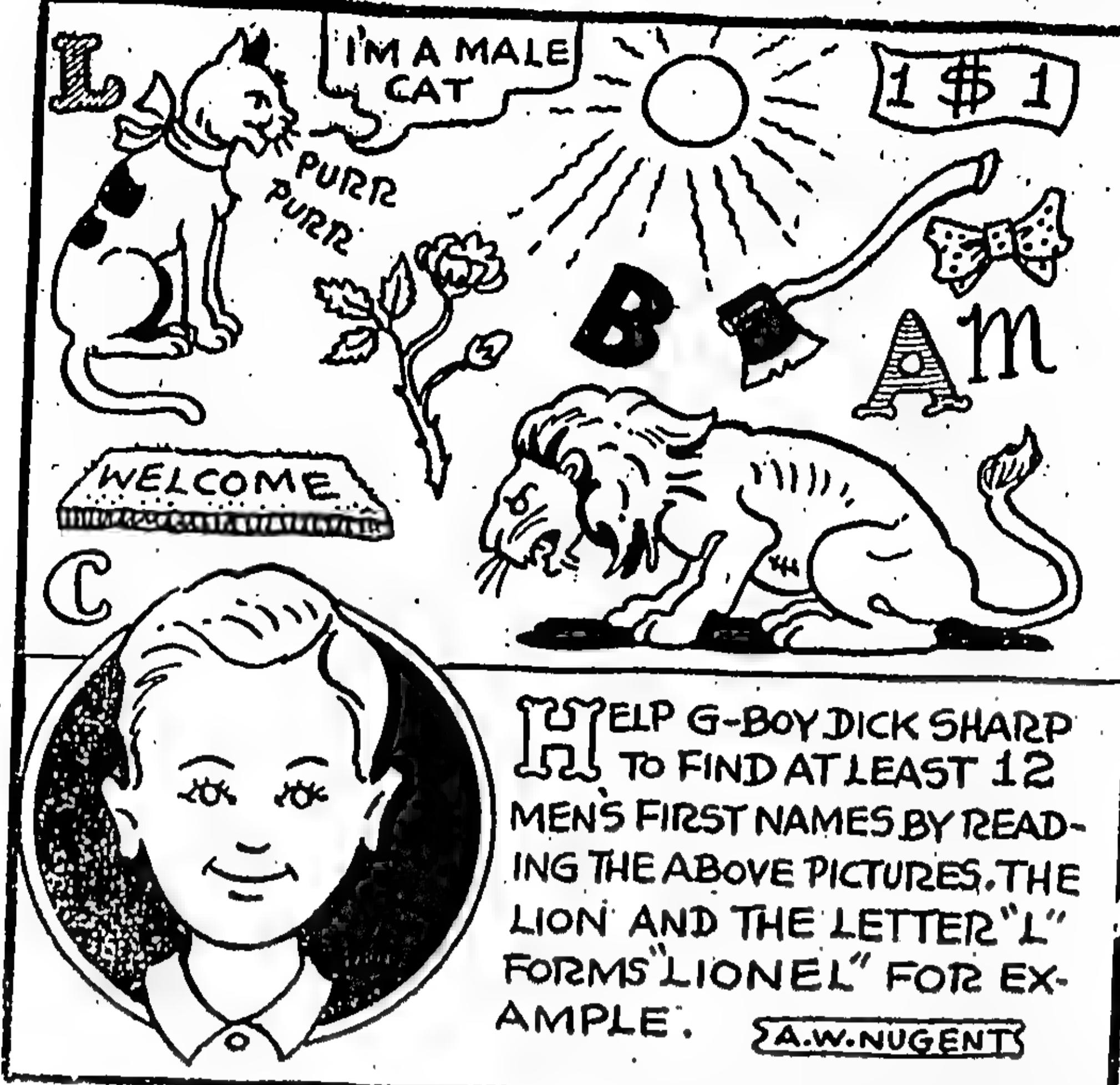
Owing to Rheumatism in Her Knees

It was not a very dignified way of going upstairs, but she had rheumatism in her knees, and it was the best she could do, at the time. Since then, she has been taking Kruschen Salts, and now feels 20 years younger. Read her letter:

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Answer to-morrow

HITLER STRIKES NEW MEDAL

Berlin, To-day. A special medal known as "German fortification medal" has been granted by the German Chancellor to all workmen who assisted in the construction of fortifications in the West.

The medal is bronze, adorned with a bastion over which are a crossed sword and shovel with the swastika in the background. The reverse side of the medal contains the words, "For work performed in protection of Germany."

The medal is suspended from a brown and white ribbon and will be worn over the left breast pocket. — Trans-Ocean.

CHUNGKING BOMBED

Chungking, To-day. Japanese planes again subjected Chungking to an intensive bombing raid before midnight last night, when over eighty bombs were dropped in different parts of the city.

Engaged by Chinese fighters and greeted by heavy ground fire, the enemy planes released many of the bombs in confusion, and made off in the direction of Hankow.

The extent of casualties and damage is being checked-up. This is the eleventh bombing of the wartime capital.—Our Own Correspondent.

ANNEXATION REPORT

Berlin, To-day. German political quarters which had refrained from comment on the reported separation of the strip of territory known as "Caprivi Zipfeel" from the mandated territory of South-West Africa, and its annexation by the Union of South Africa, declared yesterday that the annexation is an illegal act.

They add that the League of Nations has apparently not yet been informed of the annexation.

The step must, in view of the present extremely strained political situation, be regarded as a challenge to Germany's colonial rights. — Trans-Ocean.

EUROPEAN ANXIETIES HIT STOCK MARKET

London, To-day. European anxieties were responsible for a general downdraft in prices on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, though not much selling pressure was visible.

Home rails were especially weak on the possibility of a strike following a wage dispute affecting the whole railway system.

Burma Corporations were steady on a dividend of five annas compared to four previously.

Among commodities, copper recorded a further small improvement, largely owing to reports of excellent consumption, with some revival of speculative interest.

Wall Street ruled very quiet. — Reuter.

WANG CHING-WEI

Shiukwan, To-day. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who deserted Chungking to join the pro-Japanese cause, is expected to be in Canton to-day or to-morrow to organize a local government prior to forming a so-called federal government.—From Our Own Correspondent.

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SOCCER

SOUTH CHINA'S BRILLIANT DISPLAY AGAINST PERAK

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Ipoh, July 26.

A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Chinese Assembly ground last evening and were treated to a brilliant exhibition of soccer by the South China A.A. touring XI, which defeated a Perak State XI by 4 to 1.

The visitors' neat combination and straight for the goal methods combined with deadly accurate shooting by their forwards and a clever cool, and hard-clearing defence made them a team well worth watching.

It was difficult to single out any special player except perhaps, Cheong Wing-choi, the visitors' goalkeeper, Lau Hing-choi, the brilliant pivot and Fung King-cheong, the dangerous inside right.

The Home team though beaten by a rather convincing margin were by no means outclassed completely.

For the first 15 minutes the Perak team had the better of the game when they made several raids. Delay in passing and poor shooting, however, nullified their efforts, otherwise they ought to have registered more goals.

Guan Lean and Choi Yoi were stalwart backs while Toft in goal had a busy time in guarding his charge from the continuous bombardment but made a good job of it.

Leng Siew, as pivot, distinguished himself playing a grand game. Teih Lean also gave a good display but Ali Manap was disappointing.

Of the forwards, Hack Choom Arshad and Swee Meng were the pick of the bunch, the last named player scoring the only goal for the homesteaders with a brilliant long shot.

The game commenced with Perak making a promising show. Sit Kun was seen in an early attempt but his shot lacked sting and the visitors' keeper found no difficulty in saving.

Following their usual neat ball control and clever short-passing a shot from Chan Tak-fai, visitors' centre-

forward, hit the cross bar to bounce out.

RETURN RAID

Perak made a return raid and Arshad who had been prominent sent in a beautiful centre which Siew Hong missed. A spell of midfield play resulted and then the visitors broke away again. Lai Shui-wing advanced within scoring range and after eluding Juan Lean tested Toft with a stiff drive which the latter saved brilliantly.

The visitors then broke through on the right and a well-placed shot from Tam Kwong-sun saw Lai Shui-wing place a header well out of Toft's reach to register the first goal in the 17th minute.

Barely two minutes later, the visitors made another raid and receiving the ball after Toft had punched clear, Fung King-cheung slammed in a spectacular goal to enable the visitors to lead 2-0 at the interval.

Play slackened somewhat in the second half, a misunderstanding between Arshad and Siew Hong lost them an easy opportunity when the ball was a few feet from the goal.

The visitors got going and stormed the Perak goal. Their attempts bore fruit for Fung King-cheung with an effortless header beat Toft.

Three minutes later Lai Shui-wing added the fourth goal after a pretty bout of dribbling.

A LONG SHOT

Perak still made spasmodic raids and towards the latter stages, Swee Meng chanced a long shot which found the net to earn a well-deserved goal.

Mr. H. W. Sanders referee and the teams were as follows:

South China XI.—Chang Wing-choi, Han Yung-sang, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Chung-sung, Lau Hing-choi, Soong Lin-seng, Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shui-wing, Yeung Shui-yick.

Perak XI.—Toft, Juan Lean, Chooi Yvoi, Teih Lean, Leng Siew, Ali Manap, Arshad, Siew Hong, Sit Kim, Hoch Choon, and Swee Meng.



FUNG KING-CHEUNG, was again prominent for the South China football tourists, in their match with Perak.

BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Matches Re-Arranged

Owing to the fact that the Police Club green will be engaged on Monday for an intra-club game the two games in Open Singles Lawn Bowls championship arranged for that day have been postponed.

The matches can be played on Tuesday or Wednesday if the Police Bowls Convenor is informed in time.

J. S. Landolt v. A. K. Minu
S. Eccleshall v. U. M. Omar

The Quarter-Final Pairs match, in which T. E. Robson and H. Nish are to play G. Duncan and W. Gill, cannot be played at the Club de Recreio to-day and will instead be played on the Kowloon F. C. green.

Five more players have submitted their names for the Bowls Interport and of these, four are from the Police Recreation Club.

The additional names are:—J. C. Fender, W. S. Dall, J. M. Forrest and J. Orem (Police) and W. C. Simpson (Kowloon F.C.)

INDOOR BOWLING

Mixed Pairs Result

In the Fourth Round of the Mixed Pairs Competition, A. Odell and Mrs. Horton beat Molthen and Mrs. Soong by 46 points at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday. Odell's score of 206 in the last game assisted in the win.

A. Odell 160 165 206 531
Mrs. Horton 132 173 133 488

Total	184	170	154	508
Doc. Molthen	145	139	131	415
Mrs. Soong				

Total 969

REVENGE!

In a return match, the "Tarpots" avenged their previous defeat when they beat the "Black Dog" by 171 points.

THE "TARPOTS"

A. Odell	198	159	153	505
Ldg. Sto. Taylor	184	186	156	476
Ldg. Sea. North	146	197	127	470
Sto. Kavanagh	147	156	187	440

Total 1,891

THE "BLACK DOG"

G. D. Woolgar	125	144	176	445
J. H. Connor	122	153	164	439
N. R. Kirk	121	150	153	424
N. J. Moore	118	157	187	412

Total 1,720

CRICKET

M.C.C. TEAM FOR INDIA

London, To-day.—The following players have been invited to tour India this Winter:

Flt.-Lieut. A. J. Holmes (Sussex), H. T. Bartlett (Sussex), J. M. Brockbank (M.C.C.), S. Griffiths (Sussex), R. C. H. Human (Worcestershire), R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwickshire), E. Davies (Glamorgan), Dollery (Warwickshire), Gimblett (Somerset), James Langridge (Sussex) Mobey (Surrey), Nicholls (Essex), Parker (Surrey), Peter Smith (Essex) and Wellard (Somerset).

A. J. Holmes has accepted the captaincy.

Doubts as to whether the tour would take place in view of the international situation, were dispelled following a consultation between M. C. G. and the Indian Board of Control.—Reuter.

The team, whilst not being by any means the best that England could put out, is nevertheless a useful one, strong in both batting and bowling.

As is usual with these tours, there are quite a number of amateurs included, among them being that very experienced cricketer and fine batsman, R. E. S. Wyatt.

Among the more promising of the younger professionals included are Dollery, Gimblett, the Langridges, Parker and Wellard.

The inclusion of G. S. Mobey, of Surrey, will no doubt occasion some surprise. Last season he did not appear in the Surrey County side once although he turned out regularly for the Second Eleven with a fair measure of success.

His batting figures were
Inns H.S. N.O. Agg. Avge.
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He is not a bowler.

BOWLS TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

FIRST DIVISION

P.R.C.

F. Channing, H. Brown, W. Mair and J. S. Fender (skip).

J. Forrest, G. Perkins, G. S. Alexander and J. Orem (skip).

W. McLeod, C. Dowman, J. Shepherd and A. E. Carey (skip).

Kowloon C.C.

V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, H. Nish and F. Goodwin (skip).

T. A. Madar, W. Hyde, J. Fraser and E. C. Fincher (skip).

Geo. Lee, W. Mulcahy, E. Kerr and J. Hyde (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

P.R.C.

W. Glendinning, N. B. Fraser, W. McHardy and W. S. Dall (skip).

J. W. MacDonald, F. J. Kelly, A. J. Johnson and G. C. Moss (skip).

R. Ellis, W. Harris, J. R. McWalter and J. Riddell (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

R.H.K.Y.C.

P. S. Cassidy, L. E. N. Ryan, R. H. Wild and B. E. Maughan (skip).

C. B. Brown, G. H. Bond, A. Nissim and A. W. Brown (skip).

W. A. Cornell, W. J. Hansen, E. Hospes and G. E. Costello (skip).

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W. Naef, G. E. Taylor, A. W. Ramsey and T. W. Carr (skip).

T. Hunter, J. Hempsey, A. Wright and W. W. Hirst (skip).

FRIENDLY

Kowloon Tong v. K.F.C. (away)

C. Macie, H. Castro, J. L. Stephens and A. Sparke (skip).

A. E. Castro, J. Tang, A. J. Kew and A. H. Basto (skip).

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SWIMMING NOTES**DISCUSSION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS***V.R.C. Should Again Carry Off Most Of Titles***L. ROZA PEREIRA
TO COMPETE IN
DISTANCE EVENTS
PROMISING YOUTHS
TO BE ON VIEW**

(By "CRUSADER")

Swimming meets organised by the various swimming clubs in the Colony are now in full swing and in the very near future, leading contenders from these clubs will clash at Victoria Recreation Club in order to decide the championships of the Colony.

At the moment, although a good deal of speculation is rife regarding the prospects of individuals, there is hardly enough data to enable one to forecast with any confidence, the ultimate winners of the championship titles.

In past years, V.R.C. has always been the main source of Hong Kong's leading swimmers and this year promises to be no exception.

In addition to Wilfred Lawrence and Lionel Roza Pereira, who need no introduction, some extremely promising newcomers in the persons of "Smally" Rumjahn, David Hutchinson and Carlos Silva-Netto, among others, have been brought to public notice by virtue of their performances in recent club galas.

These young "hopefuls" will be all out to prove their worth against the Colony's best.

Chan Wing-kai, of Chinese Y.M.C.A., the present holder of the 50 yards free style championship, is said to be in excellent form and confident of being able to defend his title. His greatest threat appears to come from David Hutchinson and D. H. Taylor, of V.R.C., and swimming enthusiasts are waiting with keen interest, the clash between these three swimmers.

It will not be entirely unexpected if the Colony record of 25-1/5 secs. topples in the course of the next month!

Wilfred Lawrence has never really had a chance of demonstrating his ability in this event and this year promises to be no exception. Owing to other strenuous engagements on the same evening, it is unlikely that he will compete in the 50 yards free style.

In the 100 yards, David Hutchinson, who has reached the front rank from complete obscurity in sensational short time, is expected to push Lawrence to the utmost. A record in this event is also envisaged.

Hutchinson is now being tried out over the 220 yard course as well and although he has shown some capability over this distance, he will have to pull something pretty good out of the bag to beat Lawrence if the latter strikes anything like his form of last year.

A budding youth, 6 ft. 3 inches in height, Hutchinson is still growing and if he does not manage to beat one of the finest swimmers ever turned out by Hong Kong, he must appreciate that he has many years of swimming and improvement ahead of him and not be discouraged.

Promising Youth

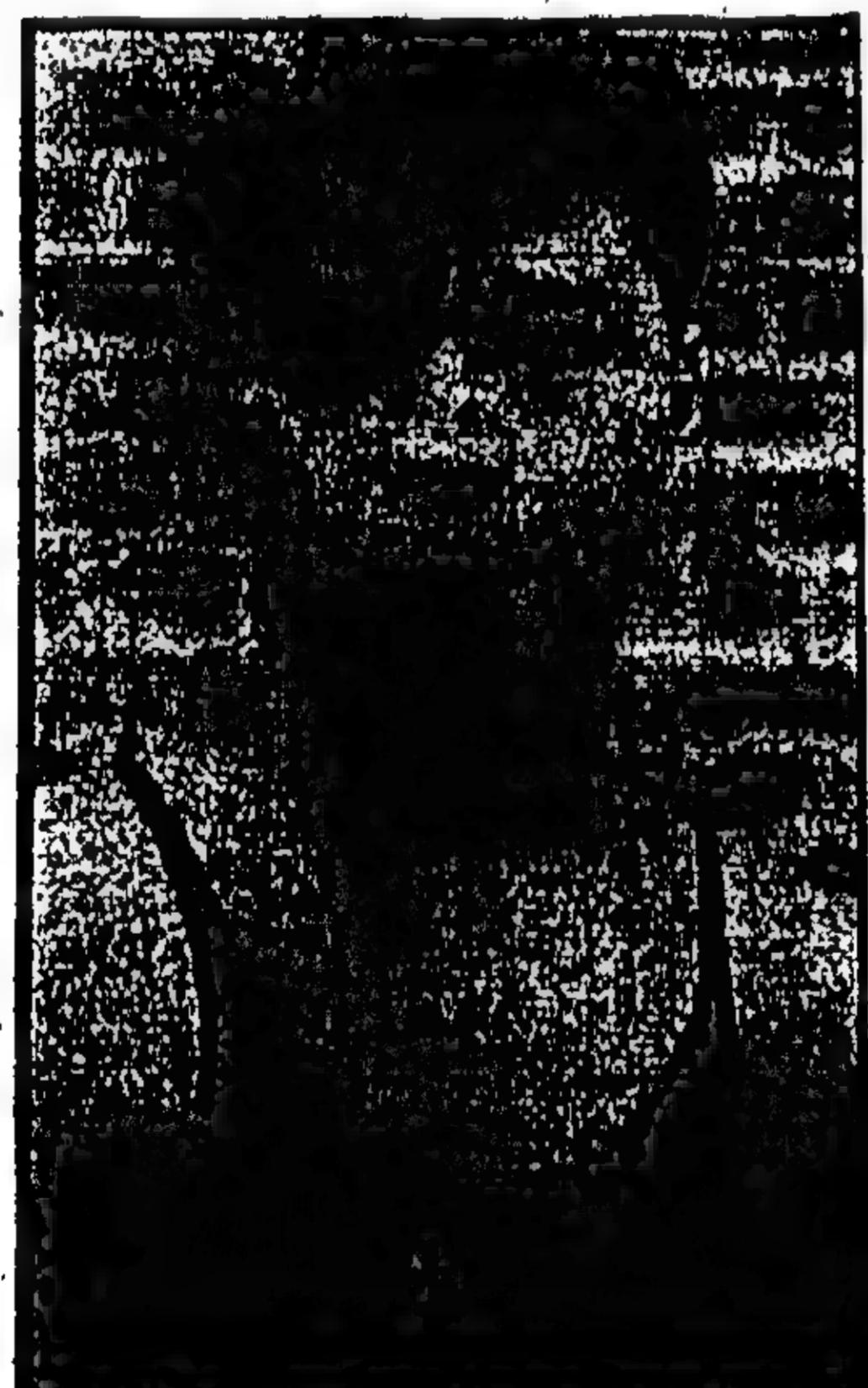
Another competitor from whom much is expected in the 220, is Carlos Silva-Netto, who won almost all the sprint and distance junior events last season. He has been training with the utmost seriousness and can be relied upon to give of his best.

Chan Chun-nam, of C.Y.M.C.A., who has been beaten by Lawrence before in this event, is another probable starter and although I have not much information

regarding his current form, his past performances indicate his ability to offer a stern challenge.

The 220 yards free style is the blue ribbon of all swimming events and Lawrence, who holds the record, has never really been pushed over this distance.

With keen competition this year, it is possible that he may set an even better mark and in any event, in the best interests of Colony swimming, I sincerely hope that this year will reveal a swimmer approaching Lawrence's calibre who will be able to creditably assume the mantle worn for so long



CHAN CHUN-NAM is expected to compete in the 220 yards free style swimming championship of the Colony.

and in so distinguished a fashion by the present champion.

Swimming fans will be pleased to learn that Lionel Roza Pereira will be participating in the half-mile and quarter-mile free style championships. This enthusiast, one of our most stylish swimmers still, is rather chary about again getting into harness but, with great sportsmanship he is again competing in order to offer the competition which he alone appears likely to be able to give over the longer distances.

Brilliant Record

Roza Pereira has a brilliant record of swimming behind him although still in the prime of life. He is best known for his performances in the Harbour Race, in which he has competed since 1928.

During this period he has won this most spectacular of all Colony swimming events, on no fewer than six occasions and is still the present champion. Among Lionel's best feats was



W. LAWRENCE (left) and LIONEL ROZA PEREIRA, who will re-enact many a former grim struggle in the forthcoming swimming championships.

a swim from V.R.C. to Lai Chi-kok beach, a distance of about 6 miles. Fighting a strong current throughout, he finished the course in the excellent time of 3½ hours.

In the 100 yards breast stroke championship, Enrique Chan, who almost equalled the Colony record of 72 seconds last year, is said to have clocked 71 seconds over this distance recently! He is expected to make another really serious effort again this year.

The breast stroke, once a very unpopular form of propulsion with swimmers, is now attracting the interest of a great many local swimmers.

Notable improvement in the local standard was apparent after the visit of the Philippine Island Olympic swimmers and their demonstration of the stroke, which has been followed assiduously by our local champions.

Many newcomers are expected to compete in this event and it will not surprise if some "dark horse" comes along and springs a surprise.

Present record for the Colony is still in the hands of Kwok Chun-hang, who set 72 seconds as far back as 1934. It will be recalled that this swimmer afterwards competed with some success in Australia.

Notable Absentee

As with the breast stroke, the standard of the back stroke has also improved considerably and entries for this event are expected to be very satisfactory. A notable absentee, however, will be Chan Kai-him of Chinese Bathing Club, who finished second to Lawrence last year.

Although Lawrence will take a good deal if beating in this event, a much is expected of Rumjahn and Lau Yin-tin, who have put in a great deal of training. Their capabilities were amply demonstrated recently when they met in the C.Y.M.C.A. gala.

The Ladies

These notes would not be complete without a reference to the "gentler" sex. Ladies of the V.R.C. are now seriously engaged in putting themselves in shape for the forthcoming ladies' championship, which is swum over a distance of 100 yards in free style.

Miss Irene Lopes is the current champion and has been showing good form of late, while Miss Vivienne Churn, who possesses the ideal swimming build, is possessed of almost all the attributes of a champion and is certain to provide a stern challenge.

Another contender is Miss Darren Weir, formerly of Tientsin, who has just commenced training in the V.R.C. pool. Miss Weir, at best, is a brilliant swimmer and Miss Irene Lopes will have to be at her best to beat her.

SMALL UNITS' GALA**Signals' Successes**

Royal Corps of Signals (Hong Kong Signal Coy.) won both the main swimming events at the Combined Small Units' Swimming Gala held in the European "Y" Pool last night. They proved much too good in the Medley Relay, which opened the programme, and won by half the length of the pool from the Medical Corps; while in the 300 Yards free-style relay they won by the length of the pool.

Mrs. Henderson presented the prizes.

THE RESULTS

150 Yards Medley Relay (back, breast and free-style) for the "Anon" Cup.—1, Hong Kong Signal Coy.; 2, 27th Coy. R.A.M.C.; 3, 12th Coy. R.A.S.C.; 4th, 6th Section, R.A.O.C. Time: 1 min. 47 1-5 secs.

Diving (For Small Units Cup).—1, Royal Army Medical Corps 64½ points; 2, Royal Army Ordnance Corps 61½ points; 3, Royal Corps Signals 48 points; 4, Royal Army Service Corps 46 points.

500 Yards free-style Relay (For the Russell Challenge Cup).—1, Royal Corps of Signals; 2, Royal Army Ordnance Corps; 3, Royal Army Medical Corps; 4, Royal Army Service Corps. Time: 3 mins. 21.4-5 secs.

Water-Polo.—Royal Corps of Signals (Champions of the Departmental Corps Water Polo League) beat The Rest of the Corps 7 goals to 1. Scorers for Signals were L/Cpl. Dignan 4; Sig. McCann 3, Pte. Richards (R. A. S. C.) replied for the losers.

MILITARY CHAMPIONSHIP

The secretary of the swimming section of the Hong Kong Area Sports Board announces that the half mile team race will be held off Stonecutters Island on August 23 at 8.30 p.m.

The marathon team race will be held at Repulse Bay on August 30 at 8 p.m.

The inter-unit swimming championships will take place in the Victoria Recreation Club pool on September 14 and 15 at 2 p.m.

WATER POLO INCIDENT**PLAYERS CAUTIONED**

At the meeting of the Water Polo League yesterday to inquire into the fight between V.R.C. and the Chinese Bathing Club at the water polo League game on Monday it was found that Enrique Chan, Yam Man-hong and Fung Kwok-wah, of the C.B.C. and A. J. Hussain, D. H. Taylor and R. Silvo-Netto, of the V.R.C., were guilty of misconduct. The players were warned that a repetition of a similar occurrence would result in their suspension by the Committee of the Water Polo League.

challenge of the two swimmers above mentioned.

With the Misses Lopes, Churn and Weir as the nucleus of their team, V.R.C. should be able to raise a very respectable ladies' relay team of four for the Open Relay.

In this connection, I would reiterate the remarks of a contemporary and novelist, "If you want to know the Colony, go to the water polo team."

FOUR British lawn tennis players, none of them eligible for either the Davis Cup or Wightman teams, have been censured for breaches of the rules governing amateurs.

The individuals in question broke the rules governing the extent that hospitality can be granted to players. For instance, an amateur player can be given a floor of rooms in a mansion, attended by a staff of servants, and have every need supplied. He or she still remains an amateur.

If the owner of the mansion finds that at the last moment he cannot receive his tennis player guest, and arranges for him or her to be put up at the local hotel, still as his guest, then the player in question is guilty of a breach of the rules and a repetition of the offence renders him liable to be expelled from the Lawn Tennis Association.

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IT was because of such a breach of the rules that the players in ques-

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tion were publicly admonished for "accepting payment of expenses at hotels." It did not mean that the players had received any money, but that their hotel expenses had been paid.

It was definitely made known to the L.T.A. in the case of a woman player, who had been asked to play at a tournament, that she had been advised that private hospitality had been arranged for her, but at the last moment her hostess could not accommodate her in her private house.

In regard to travelling, a similar situation arises. No player is allowed to receive a voucher or payment for

travelling expenses if he or she travels by train. On the other hand, if a Rolls Royce is sent for the player and though it may travel upwards of 200 miles at a cost four or five times greater than travelling by train, a player is not guilty of breaking the rules.

If lawn tennis players are to be compelled to observe rules then the rules must be common-sense ones and not as at present so full of holes that you can drive a carriage and pass through them.

While the four players were reading of their admonishment in the Press, they also read of Donald Budge

winning a silver trophy and being paid \$500 for a single session.

In face of the professional lawn tennis competition, the British L.T.A. would be well advised to seek ways and means of developing new talent instead of driving away what talent it has from Wimbledon to Wembley.

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THE abolition of ranking lists by English tennis officialdom is hard to understand.

Generally speaking the tennis loving public of every nation shows keen interest in the grading of players, and it helps to decide any spirited controversy that may arise.

Outside nations are able to gauge the standard of players they would like to invite on a visit, when the stars are not available.

Furthermore many tourney committees look to ranking lists to help them with "seedings" for championship events.

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On the Right Tack...

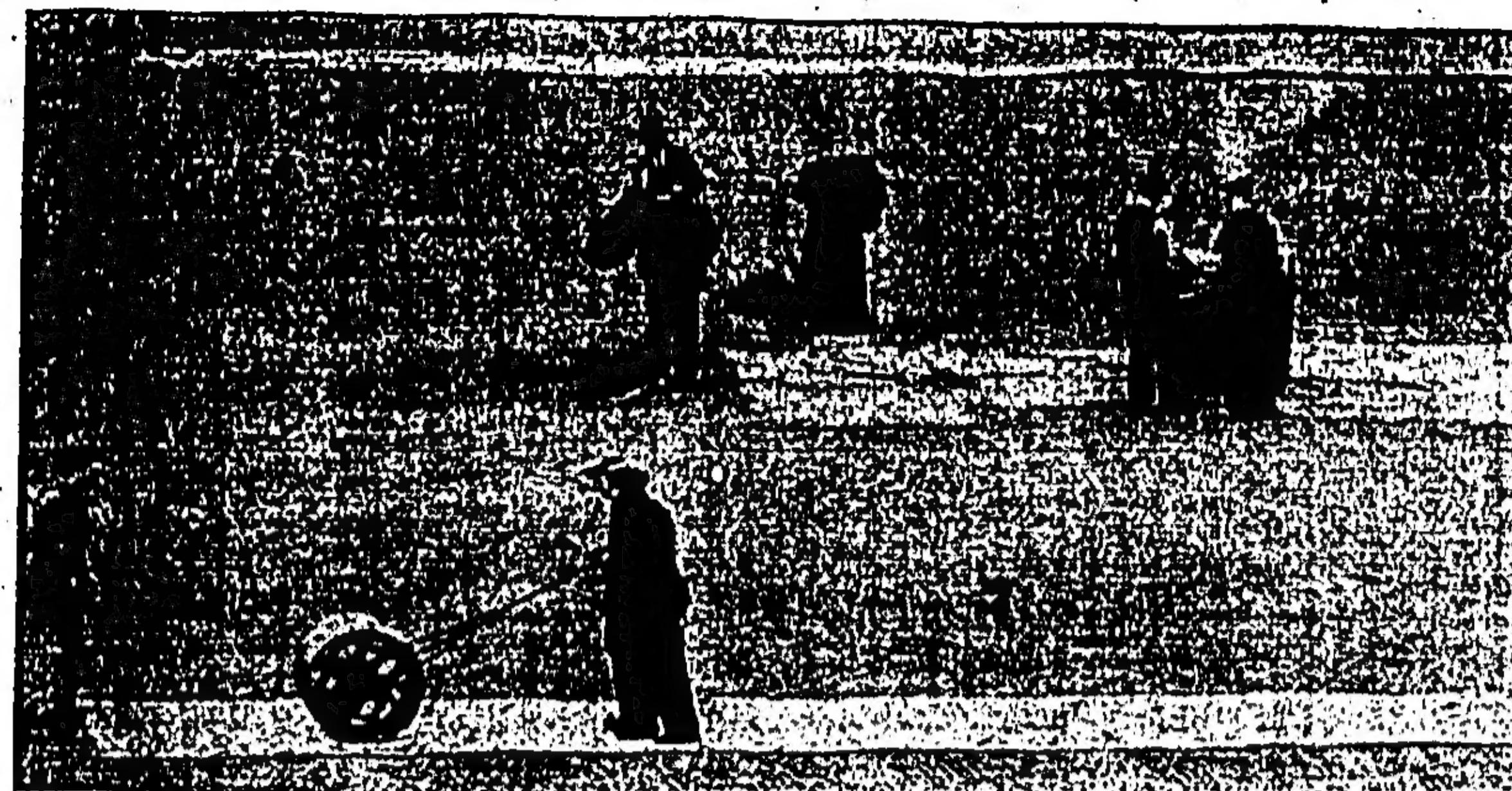
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Mud, Sawdust Test, England Put In Fagg & Hutton Open, Then More Rain



C. B. FRY SAYS --

Old Trafford, July 22.

Our prayers for the West Indians are unanswered. There was a cloudburst over Old Trafford last night. The turf is as green and dank as a seashore. The dull pent-houses are afield, flanked by hosepipes and other agricultural implements. A machine like an inverted mangle is being trundled round the pitch. This is the spiked roller, which purports to help the water to percolate down under.

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In short, we have a Manchester mud match in prospect. A good time will not be had by all.

This is disappointing. We did hope to see these West Indians sporting in the sunshine. They will hate the mud and the dull grey light.

Their eleven of Lord's is changed by two; Williams and Gomez for Weekes and Barrow.

Douglas Jardine, who made one himself, reminds me that Barrow

A scene in the middle at Old Trafford, where the start of the Second Test between England and West Indies was delayed by the wet wicket. Photo shows groundsmen busy trying to dry off the rain-sodden pitch.

scored a century here against England in 1933. Barrow is the usual wicket-keeper. His place is taken by Sealey.

Cleaned And Pressed

Soon after noon we are at the blotting paper stage; that is to say long strips of absorbent material are laid upon the pitch. The roller is pulled slowly up and down. Two pitches are being thus cleaned and pressed. When the blotters are removed the grass is greener than ever.

I have found Walter Hammond in the pavilion. His hard grief is severe. All he says is that "it is dreadful" with an accent on the dread.

He is going to do his best to start the match after lunch, because the West Indians are down on gate receipts. He and the England XI want to do their best for our guests.

The blotting process is being extended to the area of the infield round the pitches.

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The blotting strips are being set laterally across the pitch, and this time a heavier roller is applied. The

ground curator has nine assistants at this job.

Grant Attacks

No laundry appliance is wanting. They might add some hot-air machine such as is used by hairdressers after shampooing.

Not only have the captains resampled the wicket—they have tossed. Hammond spun a penny in mid-field. Grant called right, and put England in.

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The consequences are that at 2.15 in a light rain cordially disregarded; Hutton and Fagg take the mud, and Martindale and Hylton take the sawdust.

Both bowlers are doing well. Of all wickets the wet one with the ball cutting through is the easiest for the batsman. True, runs come slowly, but that is only because the ball does not travel over sodden turf.

Except that he has to force his stroke to score, the batsman should have the bowler at his mercy. The forcing sometimes leads to a mistake in timing.

Swing And Swerve

For half an hour Martindale, for a fast bowler, was making a first-rate

job of the uncongenial wicket. Good length and a lively swing. Hylton, not quite as fast, was exploiting the swerve. Both bowlers slipped into an occasional no ball. The bowler needs a good tread, else he skids.

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Hutton understands mud and is playing well; sound back play. Fagg is accommodating himself to the discomfort, but cannot find his drive. Scoring slow; only 11 runs in the first half-hour.

Both umpires have a towel to dry the ball, but their good will cannot hold up the rain. The players run off; the umpires follow slowly, with several hopeful pauses. A bad lookout.

The protective furniture is out. Two squat penthouses over the bowlers' run-up and foothold. Before long hoses laid out like cables; on port quarter and starboard quarter; on port bow and starboard bow.

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After three-quarters of an hour the rain ceased momentarily, and 12 uneventful balls were bowled before the conditions became worse than ever and forced another break, which looked like being final as far as to-day was concerned.

This time it rained hard and in its present sodden state the ground could not absorb much more and still remain fit for cricket.

Except for the kindly desire to do our best for the finance of the West Indians' tour, play would not have started at all to-day. But the conditions when play was begun were not too bad; decent cricket was possible.

So we had a lesson that play is often unnecessarily deferred. Had no more rain fallen we should have had an interesting afternoon.

The 11 runs on the board may yet cost us dear, because once the game has started the covers may not be put over the pitch itself, only over the domain used by the bowlers' feet.

If we have fine weather to-morrow, the uncovered wicket will not be available as early on Monday as it would had it been protected from the present rain.

The Lancashire people certainly are ready for a sporting risk. They turned up in large quantities this afternoon directly they heard the players were in the field, though the prospect of much cricket was scanty.

NO FURTHER PLAY WAS POSSIBLE ON SATURDAY.

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TILDEN TENNIS "CIRCUS" FOR SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, July 20.—During a talk I had this week with one of the veteran followers of tennis on the subject of changing fashion in sport, he observed that one of the most striking features in his experience was the greater interest taken in the game by the newspapers, writes a correspondent.

Most of us would agree with him that it is no longer the Cinderella of the sports in a publicity sense, for even in a week when Wimbledon was attracting its due measure of attention the new Scottish centre at Craiglockhart provided a theme which aroused a great deal of interest much farther afield than Edinburgh.

Indeed, it might be claimed that the announcement that Budgie, Vines, Tilden, and Stoefen—they turned the Professional Championship in Paris into a Transatlantic holiday—were coming to Edinburgh next month has caused as much talk among the tennis community as, say, the Hearts' 10 per cent. dividend has among those who follow football.

The East of Scotland Sports Club, Ltd., have not waited for, or even sought, the blessing of the L.T.A. in completing their plans; they make no bones about it that it is a commercial proposition. Whatever the criticism of those who have no time for anything but the amateur game amounts to, it should be outweighed by the argument that the propaganda value of the venture will be high, and that the profits will be devoted to developing

the growth of tennis locally. Had another body of promoters closed the deal with the Americans first for an appearance elsewhere in Scotland, there would have been no subsequent benefit for the amateur game.

5000 SEATS

When Tilden and some other paid players appeared in Glasgow at the Empire Exhibition last year, they drew very big crowds. Doubtless the majority of those who saw them had little more than a passing acquaintance with tennis—they paid their money seeking entertainment as they would were Dave Willis at the top of the bill—but there were also many associated with the amateur side of the sport who thought it worth while to take train or motor to Glasgow, and who enjoyed what they saw. Even though August is a holiday month, we should see Craiglockhart well populated during the three days the Americans are to be playing.

By that time there will be nearly 5000 seats available round the handsome centre courts. There are almost 1000 just now, and the ground staff will start the work of completion at the finish of the East of Scotland Championships to-day. It is yet too early to say what the prices of the seats will be, but at the moment it be stated that debenture holders will

P.A. GIBB ENGAGED

The engagement of P. A. Gibb, last year's Scottish captain, Test match opening batsman, and Cambridge "Blue," was announced recently to Miss Joyce Cooper, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, of Dringthorpe, York.

The father of the bride-to-be is the Lord Mayor of York. Alderman Cooper, who was Sheriff of York in 1930-31, is a stockbroker. He has large commercial interests in both London and York.

be given tickets for all sessions, while Craiglockhart Club members will be offered two tickets for the price of one on the three days. Should it rain on the day they have chosen, they will be allowed to use their tickets at another time during the exhibitions, the dates of which are August 24, 25, and 26, with Monday, August 28, being held in reserve in case of weather interruptions.

It is a novelty to find tennis "alive" in Edinburgh so late as August, but the game is apparently going to die hard this season, for in September there will be another attraction when Scotland plays England. Kennedy Smellie, secretary of the Scottish L.T.A., left for Wimbledon on Thursday, and it may be taken for granted that he will be making some contacts over the international; but I learn from another who is in touch with the situation that the international at Craiglockhart will be fitted in between the Scottish Lowland Championships (at Peebles) September 10 to 16) and the Gleneagles Hotel tournament (September 26 to 30). Accordingly, England ought to be strongly represented.

LEAGUE TENNIS

K.I.T.C. SUCCESS

In "D" Division of the Hong Kong lawn tennis league yesterday, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Indian Recreation Club 5½—2½.

A. Khan and S. R. Salleh (K.I.T.C.) beat K. Nazarin and K. M. Rumjahn 7—5 lost to M. I. Razack and T. Hamet 4—6 beat A. R. Marker and F. A. Curreem 6—4

M. Ranjan and A. R. Azan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Nazarin and Rumjahn 5—7 lost to Razack and Hamet 2—6 drew with Marker and Curreem 6—6

Mit Singh and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.) beat Nazarin and Rumjahn 6—1 beat Razack and Hamet 6—3 beat Marker and Curreem 6—2

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Ranking lists also provide players with an objective, and fire their ambition to raise their standard of play in order to gain recognition.

I consider it would be a troublesome task for England to provide ranking lists in the near future owing to the repeated upsets that occur because of the low standard of tennis in the old country.

Maybe the discarding of ranking lists is an easy way out of the difficulty—but in my opinion it is a retrogressive step.

**Harmony Three
And Hal Lorenzo
From The Studio:**

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
Had You But Known (Denza-Brugemann); Kokoko Love Song (Meyer-Helmund)....with Orchestra (Sung in German).
Thine My Thoughts Are, Margarita (Helmund)....with Orchestra (Sung in German).
12.40 p.m.—The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
German Dances Nos. 1 & 2 (Mozart); German Dance No. 3 ('The Sleigh Ride') K. 605 (Mozart); Emperor Waltz, Op. 437 (J. Strauss); "Ruins of Athens"—Turkish March (Beethoven).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Frances Langford (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
The Folks Who Live On The Hill—Fox-Trot (film 'High, Wide and Handsome'); Can I Forget You—Fox-Trot (film 'High, Wide and Handsome')....Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
Hurry Home (Meyer & Others); When You've Never Been Blue (Fio Rito & Others)....Frances Langford (Vocal) with Harry Sosnik & His Orchestra.
Yours And Mine—Fox-Trot (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938'); I Know Now—Fox-Trot (film 'The Singing Marine')....Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
Once In A While (Edwards, Green)....Frances Langford (Vocal) with Harry Sosnik & His Orchestra.
The Miller's Daughter, Marianne—Fox-Trot; Did Your Mother Come From Ireland—Fox-Trot....Roy

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♦ A 9 7 5
♦ K 8 4 3

♠ K Q J 6 3 N ♠ 10 9 8 7
♦ K J 5 2
♦ Q 10 4 W E ♦ 4
♦ Q 9 2 S ♦ 8 6 3
+ 10 7 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 5♦ Pass
6♦ Pass Pass Pass

Offhand it would seem not only extravagant but futile to trump your own Ace. But circumstances alter cases, and in to-day's hand it is absolutely necessary.

Against the exceedingly doubtful six-heart contract West opened the King of spades, which was trumped in dummy. South now laid down the heart Ace and then, since the discard could do absolutely no good, he led the spade Ace and trumped in dummy. Now a trump was led and West was thrown in with the King.

At this point West, realizing that a lead away from either of his minor-suit Queens would probably prove fatal, elected to play another spade, and Declarer trumped in dummy, discarding a small diamond from his hand. The rest was simple. South played three rounds of diamonds, trumping the last, and dummy's thirteenth diamond then

provided the discard for the losing club.

If South had not the foresight to trump his own Ace, the contract could not have been made; as it was, it could not be defeated.

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Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♦ Q 10 x x
♦ Q x
♦ x x x x
♦ A x x

The bidding:
You Maier Burnstone Jacoby
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
(T)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is five clubs. Your partner is showing a strong two-suit hand and inviting a Slam. Your Queen of hearts is a useful card and your club Ace of such vital importance that you should show it by a cue-bid.

Score 100% for five clubs, 70% for five spades, 60% for six spades (an overbid), 20% for four spades (a sign-off).

QUESTION NO. 169
CORRECTION

In Question No. 144, you were Declarer at a five-club contract and had lost one trick. You held A-K-9-2 in diamonds and dummy's holding was J-8-6-4. With no other possible losers except in diamonds, your correct play was to lay down the Ace of diamonds, and then lead a small one to the Jack.

You are the dealer and hold:

♦ A Q J x x x
♦ x x x x
♦ K J x

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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First Act
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King....Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert with Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Gershwin—Concerto in F Major for Piano and Orchestra. Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra with Roy Bargy at the Piano.
8.30 p.m.—Studio Concert by "The Harmony Three" and Hal Lorenzo.
1. (a) Dame Dolores; (b) Blue Hawaii...."The Harmony Three" with Guitar.
2. Little Lady Make Believe....Hal Lorenzo (Jazz-Piano).
3. (a) Solitude; (b) Rock and Roll "The Harmony Three" with Guitar.
4. St. Louis Blues....Hal Lorenzo (Jazz-Piano).
5. (a) Little Nell—Novelty; (b) Harvest Moon...."The Harmony Three" with Guitar.
9 p.m.—Cinema Organ.
Torch Tunes Of The Times. Intro: I Go For That; Deep Purple; Got To Get Some 'Shut-eye'; Hold Tight; I Promise You; I Miss You in the Morning....Sydney Torch.
Eric Coates Medley. Intro: Knightsbridge March; Northwards; Waltz from 'Cinderella'; The Three Bears; London Bridge March.
Hermann Lohr Medley. Intro: Little grey home in the West; The little Irish Girl; Rose of my heart; Where my caravan has rested; Leonore....Sydney Gustard.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—World Affairs, by H. V. Hodson.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Bachmanoff Compositions. Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2; Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fielder. Suite No. 2 For Two Pianos, Op. 17....Vronsky & Rabin.
10.20 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida" Act I. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Arnoldo Lindi (Tenor)...Rhadames, a young warrior; Trancini Pasero (Bass)...Ramfis, High Priest; Maria Capuana (Mezzo-Soprano)...Amneris, Pharaoh's daughter; G. Arangi-Lombardi (Soprano)...Aida, Ethiopian slave; S. Baccaloni (Bass)...Pharaoh.
11 p.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Hard to Get." Hilarious tale of tit-for-tat that carries an auto-ramp feud into the homes of the idle rich and ends with the taming of the shrew. With Olivia de Havilland, Dick Powell, Charles Winninger, Allen Janks, Bonita Granville Cooper and Isabel Jeans.

penseful story of love and self-sacrifice at America's famed military academy, staged on a big scale and with a huge cast of capable performers. With Louis Hayward, Tom Brown, Richard Carlson, Alan Curtis and Joan Fontaine.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Ben Hur." The greatest picture of Silent Days at last in Sound.

AT THE CATHAY — "Peck's Bad Boy With The Circus," with Tommy Kelly, Ann Gillis, Edgar Kennedy, Billy Gilbert, Benita Hume, Spanky MacFarland and Louise Beavers. The picture depicts the adventure of Bill Peck, typical American boy whose pranks conceived in innocence always boomerang into misadventures.

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AT THE MAJESTIC — "The Lady Objects." Conflict of careers between husband and wife and dramatic accounts of a woman lawyer who defended her own husband against charges of murder. With Gloria Stuart, Lanny Ross, Joan Marsh and Robert Page.

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